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CHAPTER 326

SENATE BILL 1139

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-481, 41-1292 AND 42-1101, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 42, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 42-1101.01; AMENDING SECTIONS 42-1103.01, 42-1103.02, 42-1103.03, 42-1105, 42-1105.01, 42-1105.02, 42-1125.01, 42-2001, 42-5061, 42-5064, 42-5071 AND 42-5156, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 42-2003, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2002, CHAPTER 50, SECTION 2; AMENDING SECTION 42-5159, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2001, CHAPTER 137, SECTION 2, CHAPTER 287, SECTION 92 AND CHAPTER 314, SECTION 3; REPEALING SECTION 42-5159, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2001. CHAPTER 115, SECTION 14; AMENDING SECTIONS 42-5160, 42-6001, 42-6002, 42-11102, 42-11127, 42-11128 AND 42-11153, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; REFEALING SECTIONS 42-13103 AND 42-13104, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 42, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 42-14006: AMENDING SECTIONS 42-14152, 42-15053 AND 42-15057, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; REPEALING SECTION 42-15064, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTIONS 42-19004, 42-19151, 43-323, 43-581 AND 43-1087, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 43-1139, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 1999, CHAPTER 190, SECTION 1; REPEALING SECTION 43-1139, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2000, CHAPTER 63, SECTION 11; AMENDING SECTIONS 43-1175 AND 44-315, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 44, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 44-339; AMENDING LAWS 2001, CHAPTER 314, SECTION 4; BLENDING MULTIPLE ENACTMENTS; RELATING TO TAXATION.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 15-481, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

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15-481. Override election; budget increases; notice; ballot; effect

- A. If the proposed budget of a school district exceeds the aggregate budget limit for the budget year, the governing board shall order an override election to be held not less than ninety days from the date of the order for the purpose of presenting the proposed budget to the qualified electors of the school district who shall by a majority of those voting either affirm or reject the budget. In addition, the governing board shall prepare an alternate budget which does not include an increase in the budget of more than the amount permitted as provided in section 15-905. If the qualified electors approve the proposed budget, the governing board of the school district shall follow the procedures prescribed in section 15-905 for adopting a budget that includes the authorized increase. If the qualified electors disapprove the proposed budget the governing board shall follow the procedures prescribed in section 15-905 for adopting a budget that does not include the proposed increase or the portion of the proposed increase that exceeds the amount authorized by a previously approved budget increase as prescribed in subsection P of this section.
- B. The county school superintendent shall prepare an informational report on the proposed increase in the budget and a sample ballot and at least thirty-five days prior to the election shall transmit the report and the ballot to the governing board of the school district. For a school district located in a county with a population of two hundred thousand persons or more, the governing board, upon receipt of the report and the ballot, shall mail or distribute the report and the ballot to the households, in which qualified electors reside, within the school district at least thirty days prior to the election. For a school district located in a county with a population of less than two hundred thousand persons, the governing board, upon receipt of the report and the ballot, shall mail or distribute the report and the ballot to the households within the school district at least thirty days prior to the election. Any distribution of material concerning the proposed increase in the budget shall not be conducted by children enrolled in the school district. The report shall contain the following information:
 - 1. The date of the election.
 - The polling places and times they are open.
- 3. The proposed total increase in the budget which exceeds the amount permitted pursuant to section 15-905.
- 4. The total amount of the current year's budget, the total amount of the proposed budget and the total amount of the alternate budget.
- 5. If the override is for a period of more than one year, a statement indicating the number of years the proposed increase in the budget would be

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in effect and the percentage of the school district's revenue control limit that the district is requesting for the future years.

- 6. The proposed total amount of revenues which will fund the increase in the budget and the amount which will be obtained from a levy of taxes upon the taxable property within the school district for the first year for which the budget increase was adopted.
- 7. The proposed amount of revenues which will fund the increase in the budget and which will be obtained from other than a levy of taxes upon the taxable property within the school district for the first year for which the budget increase was adopted.
- 8. The dollar amount and the purpose for which the proposed increase in the budget is to be expended for the first year for which the budget increase was adopted.
- 9. At least two arguments, if submitted, but no more than ten arguments for and two arguments, if submitted, but no more than ten arguments against the proposed increase in the budget. The arguments shall be in a form prescribed by the county school superintendent and each argument shall not exceed two hundred words. Arguments for the proposed increase in the budget shall be provided in writing and signed by the governing board. If submitted, additional arguments in favor of the proposed increase in the budget shall be provided in writing and signed by those in favor. Arguments against the proposed increase in the budget shall be provided in writing and signed by those in opposition. The names of those persons other than the governing board or superintendent submitting written arguments shall not be included in the report without their specific permission, but shall be made available only upon request to the county school superintendent. The county school superintendent shall review all factual statements contained in the written arguments and correct any inaccurate statements of fact. superintendent shall not review and correct any portion of the written arguments which are identified as statements of the author's opinion. The county school superintendent shall make the written arguments available to the public as provided in title 39, chapter 1, article 2. A deadline for submitting arguments to be included in the informational report shall be set by the county school superintendent.
- 10. A statement that the alternate budget shall be adopted by the governing board if the proposed budget is not adopted by the qualified electors of the school district.
- 11. The full cash value, the assessed valuation and the estimated amount of the secondary tax bill if the proposed budget is adopted for each of the following:
- (a) An owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is the average assessed valuation of property classified as class three, AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 42-12003 for the current year in the school district.

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- (b) An owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is one-half of the assessed valuation of the residence in subdivision (a) of this paragraph.
- (c) An owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is twice the assessed valuation of the residence in subdivision (a) of this paragraph.
- (d) A business whose assessed valuation is the average of the assessed valuation of property classified as class one, AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 42-12001, paragraphs $\frac{11}{2}$ and $\frac{12}{2}$ AND $\frac{13}{2}$ for the current year in the school district.
- 12. If the election is conducted pursuant to subsection L or M of this section, the following information:
- (a) An executive summary of the school district's most recent capital improvement plan submitted to the school facilities board.
- (b) A complete list of each proposed capital improvement that will be funded with the budget increase and a description of the proposed cost of each improvement, including a separate aggregation of capital improvements for administrative purposes as defined by the school facilities board.
- (c) The tax rate associated with each of the proposed capital improvements and the estimated cost of each capital improvement for the owner of a single family home that is valued at eighty thousand dollars.
- C. For the purpose of this section, the school district may use its staff, equipment, materials, buildings or other resources only to distribute the informational report at the school district office or at public hearings and to produce such information as required in subsection B of this section, provided that nothing in this subsection shall preclude school districts from holding or participating in any public hearings at which testimony is given by at least one person for the proposed increase and one person against the proposed increase.
- D. The elections prescribed in subsection A of this section shall be held on a date prescribed by section 16-204 and shall be conducted as nearly as practicable in the manner prescribed in article 1 of this chapter, sections 15-422 through 15-424 and section 15-426, relating to special elections, except that:
- 1. The notices required pursuant to section 15-403 shall be posted not less than twenty-five days before the election.
- 2. Ballots shall be counted pursuant to title 16, chapter 4, article 10.
- E. If the election is to exceed the revenue control limit and if the proposed increase will be fully funded by a levy of taxes upon the taxable property within the school district, the ballot shall contain the words "budget increase, yes" and "budget increase, no", and the voter shall signify his desired choice. The ballot shall also contain the amount of the proposed increase of the proposed budget over the alternate budget, a statement that the amount of the proposed increase will be based on a percentage of the

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school district's revenue control limit in future years, if applicable, as provided in subsection P of this section and the following statement:

Any budget increase authorized by this election shall be entirely funded by a levy of taxes upon the taxable property within this school district for the year for which adopted and for ____ subsequent years, shall not be realized from monies furnished by the state and shall not be subject to the limitation on taxes specified in article IX, section 18, Constitution of Arizona. Based on an estimate of assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes, the proposed increase in the school district's budget over that allowed by law would result in an estimated increase in the school district's tax rate of _____ dollar per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes and is in addition to the school district's tax rate which will be levied to fund the school district's revenue control limit allowed by law.

- F. If the election is to exceed the revenue control limit and if the proposed increase will be fully funded by revenues from other than a levy of taxes upon the taxable property within the school district, the ballot shall contain the words "budget increase, yes" and "budget increase, no", and the voter shall signify the voter's desired choice. The ballot shall also contain:
- 1. The amount of the proposed increase of the proposed budget over the alternate budget.
- 2. A statement that the amount of the proposed increase will be based on a percentage of the school district's revenue control limit in future years, if applicable, as provided in subsection P of this section.
 - 3. The following statement:

Any budget increase authorized by this election shall be entirely funded by this school district with revenues from other than a levy of taxes on the taxable property within the school district for the year for which adopted and for _____ subsequent years and shall not be realized from monies furnished by the state.

- G. Except as provided in subsection H of this section, the maximum budget increase which may be requested and authorized as provided in subsection E or F of this section or the combination of subsections E and F of this section is ten per cent of the revenue control limit as provided in section 15-947, subsection A for the budget year.
- H. Special budget override provisions for school districts with a student count of less than one hundred fifty-four in kindergarten programs and grades one through eight or with a student count of less than one hundred seventy-six in grades nine through twelve are as follows:

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1	 The maximum budget increase that may be requested and authorized 								
2	as provided in subsections E and F of this section is the greater of the								
3	amount prescribed in subsection G of this section or a limit computed as								
4	follows:								
5	(a) For common or unified districts with a student count of less than								
6	one hundred fifty-four in kindergarten programs and grades one through eight,								
7	the limit computed as prescribed in item (i) or (ii) of this subdivision,								
8	whichever is appropriate:								
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29	(b) For unified or union high school districts with a student count								
30	of less than one hundred seventy-six in grades nine through twelve, the limit								
31	computed as prescribed in item (i) or (ii) of this subdivision, whichever is								
32	appropriate:								
33	(i)								
34		Small School	Support Level Weight		Phase Down				
35	Student	Student	for Small Isolated		Reduction				
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6			(500 - Student Count))		
7				Small	
8		Phase Down	Phase Down	School Distr	ict
9		<u>Base</u>	Reduction Factor	Secondary Li	<u>mit</u>
10		\$350,000 -	<u>\$</u>	\$	

- (c) If both subdivisions (a) and (b) of this paragraph apply to a unified school district, its limit for the purposes of this paragraph is the combination of its elementary limit and its secondary limit.
- (d) If only subdivision (a) or (b) of this paragraph applies to a unified school district, the district's limit for the purposes of this paragraph is the sum of the limit computed as provided in subdivision (a) or (b) of this paragraph plus ten per cent of the revenue control limit attributable to those grade levels that do not meet the eligibility requirements of this subsection. If a school district budgets monies outside the revenue control limit pursuant to section 15-949, subsection D, the district's limit for the purposes of this paragraph is only the ten per cent of the revenue control limit attributable to those grade levels that are not included under section 15-949, subsection D. For the purposes of this subdivision, the revenue control limit is separated into elementary and secondary components based on the weighted student count as provided in section 15-971, subsection B, paragraph 2, subdivision (a).
- 2. If a school district utilizes the provisions of this subsection to request an override of more than one year, the ballot shall include an estimate of the amount of the proposed increase in the future years in place of the statement that the amount of the proposed increase will be based on a percentage of the school district's revenue control limit in future years, as prescribed in subsections E and F of this section.
- 3. Notwithstanding subsection P of this section, the maximum period of an override authorized pursuant to this subsection is five years.
- 4. Subsection P, paragraphs 1 and 2 of this section do not apply to overrides authorized pursuant to this subsection.
- I. If the election is to exceed the revenue control limit as provided in section 15-482 and if the proposed increase will be fully funded by a levy of taxes on the taxable property within the school district, the ballot shall contain the words "budget increase, yes" and "budget increase, no", and the voter shall signify the voter's desired choice. The ballot shall also contain the amount of the proposed increase of the budget over the alternate oudget, a statement that the amount of the proposed increase will be based on a percentage of the school district's revenue control limit in future

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years, if applicable, as provided in subsection Q of this section, and the following statement:

Any budget increase authorized by this election shall be entirely funded by a levy of taxes on the taxable property within this school district for the year for which adopted and for subsequent years, shall not be realized from monies furnished by the state and shall not be subject to the limitation on taxes specified in article IX, section 18, Constitution of Arizona. Based on an estimate of assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes, the portion of the proposed increase in the school district's budget over that allowed by law which will be funded by a levy of taxes upon the taxable property within this school district would result in an estimated increase in the school district's tax rate of ____dollar per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes and is in addition to the school district's tax rate that will be levied to fund the school district's revenue control limit allowed by law.

J. If the election is to exceed the revenue control limit as provided in section 15-482 and if the proposed increase will be fully funded by revenues other than a levy of taxes on the taxable property within the school district, the ballot shall contain the words "budget increase, yes" and "budget increase, no", and the voter shall signify the voter's desired choice. The ballot shall also contain the amount of the proposed increase of the proposed budget over the alternate budget, a statement that the amount of the proposed increase will be based on a percentage of the school district's revenue control limit in future years, if applicable, as provided in subsection Q of this section and the following statement:

Any budget increase authorized by this election shall be entirely funded by this school district with revenues from other than a levy of taxes on the taxable property within the school district for the year for which adopted and for _____ subsequent years and shall not be realized from monies furnished by the state

K. The maximum budget increase that may be requested and authorized as provided in subsection I or J of this section, or a combination of both of these subsections, is five per cent of the revenue control limit as provided in section 15-947, subsection A for the budget year. For a unified school district, a common school district not within a high school district or a common school district within a high school district that offers instruction in high school subjects as provided in section 15-447, five per cent of the revenue control limit means five per cent of the revenue control limit attributable to the weighted student count in preschool programs for children with disabilities, kindergarten programs and grades one through eight as provided in section 15-971, subsection B.

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L. If the election is to exceed the capital outlay revenue limit and if the proposed increase will be fully funded by a levy of taxes upon the taxable property within the school district, the ballot shall contain the words "budget increase, yes" and "budget increase, no", and the voter shall signify the voter's desired choice. An election held pursuant to this subsection shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November. The ballot shall also contain the amount of the proposed increase of the proposed budget over the alternate budget and the following statement:

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Any budget increase authorized by this election shall be entirely funded by a levy of taxes upon the taxable property within this school district for the year in which adopted and for _____ subsequent years, shall not be realized from monies furnished by the state and shall not be subject to the limitation on taxes specified in article IX, section 18, Constitution of Arizona. Based on an estimate of assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes, the proposed increase in the school district's budget over that allowed by law would result in an estimated increase in the school district's tax rate of ______ dollar per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes and is in addition to the school district's tax rate which will be levied to fund the school district's capital outlay revenue limit allowed by law.

M. If the election is to exceed the capital outlay revenue limit and if the proposed increase will be fully funded by revenues from other than a levy of taxes upon the taxable property within the school district, the ballot shall contain the words "budget increase, yes" and "budget increase, no", and the voter shall signify the voter's desired choice. An election held pursuant to this subsection shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November. The ballot shall also contain the amount of the proposed increase of the proposed budget over the alternate budget and the following statement:

Any budget increase authorized by this election shall be entirely funded by this school district with revenues from other than a levy of taxes on the taxable property within the school district for the year in which adopted and for _____ subsequent years and shall not be realized from monies furnished by the state.

N. If the election is to exceed a combination of the revenue control limit as provided in subsection E or F of this section, the revenue control limit as provided in subsection I or J of this section or the capital outlay revenue limit as provided in subsection L or M of this section, the ballot shall be prepared so that the voters may vote on each proposed increase separately and shall contain statements required in the same manner as if each proposed increase were submitted separately.

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O. If the election provides for a levy of taxes on the taxable property within the school district, at least thirty days prior to the election, the department of revenue shall provide the school district governing board and the county school superintendent with an estimate of the school district's assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes for the ensuing fiscal year. The governing board and the county school superintendent shall use this estimate to translate the amount of the proposed dollar increase in the budget of the school district over that allowed by law into a tax rate figure.

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- P. If the voters in a school district vote to adopt a budget in excess of the revenue control limit as provided in subsection E or F of this section, any additional increase shall be included in the aggregate budget limit for each of the years authorized. Any additional increase shall be excluded from the determination of equalization assistance. district governing board may, however, levy on the assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes of the property in the school district the additional increase if adopted under subsection E of this section for the period of one year, two years or five through seven years as authorized. an additional increase is approved as provided in subsection F of this section, the school district governing board may only use revenues derived from the school district's prior year's maintenance and operation fund ending cash balance to fund the additional increase. If a budget increase was previously authorized and will be in effect for the budget year or budget year and subsequent years, as provided in subsection E or F of this section, the governing board may request a new budget increase as provided in the same subsection under which the prior budget increase was adopted which shall not exceed the maximum amount permitted under subsection G of this section. the voters in the school district authorize the new budget increase amount, the existing budget increase no longer is in effect. If the voters in the school district do not authorize the budget increase amount, the existing budget increase remains in effect for the time period for which it was authorized. The maximum additional increase authorized as provided in subsection E or F of this section and the additional increase which is included in the aggregate budget limit is based on a percentage of a school district's revenue control limit in future years, if the budget increase is authorized for more than one year. If the additional increase:
- 1. Is for two years, the proposed increase in the second year is equal to the initial proposed percentage increase.
- 2. Is for five years or more, the proposed increase is equal to the initial proposed percentage increase in the following years of the proposed increase, except that in the next to last year it is two-thirds of the initial proposed percentage increase and it is one-third of the initial proposed percentage increase in the last year of the proposed increase.
- Q. If the voters in a school district vote to adopt a budget in excess of the revenue control limit as provided in subsection I or J of this

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section, any additional increase shall be included in the aggregate budget limit for each of the years authorized. Any additional increase shall be excluded from the determination of equalization assistance. The school district governing board, however, may levy on the assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes of the property in the school district the additional increase if adopted under subsection I of this section for the period of one year, two years or five through seven years as authorized. If an additional increase is approved as provided in subsection J of this section, the increase may only be budgeted and expended if sufficient monies are available in the maintenance and operation fund of the school district. If a budget increase was previously authorized and will be in effect for the budget year or budget year and subsequent years, as provided in subsection I or J of this section, the governing board may request a new budget increase as provided in the same subsection under which the prior budget increase was adopted that does not exceed the maximum amount permitted under subsection K of this section. If the voters in the school district authorize the new budget increase amount, the existing budget increase no longer is in effect. If the voters in the school district do not authorize the budget increase amount, the existing budget increase remains in effect for the time period for which it was authorized. The maximum additional increase authorized as provided in subsection I or J of this section and the additional increase that is included in the aggregate budget limit is based on a percentage of a school district's revenue control limit in future years, if the budget increase is authorized for more than one year. If the additional increase:

- 1. Is for two years, the proposed increase in the second year is equal to the initial proposed percentage increase.
- 2. Is for five years or more, the proposed increase is equal to the initial proposed percentage increase in the following years of the proposed increase, except that in the next to last year it is two-thirds of the initial proposed percentage increase and it is one-third of the initial proposed percentage increase in the last year of the proposed increase.
- R. If the voters in a school district vote to adopt a budget in excess of the capital outlay revenue limit as provided in subsection L of this section, any additional increase shall be included in the aggregate budget limit for each of the years authorized. The additional increase shall be excluded from the determination of equalization assistance. The school district governing board may, however, levy on the assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes of the property in the school district the additional increase for the period authorized but not to exceed ten years. For overrides approved by a vote of the qualified electors of the school district at an election held from and after October 31, 1998, the period of the additional increase prescribed in this subsection shall not exceed seven years for any capital override election.

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- S. If the voters in a school district vote to adopt a budget in excess of the capital outlay revenue limit as provided in subsection M of this section, any additional increase shall be included in the aggregate budget limit for each of the years authorized. The additional increase shall be excluded from the determination of equalization assistance. The school district governing board may only use revenues derived from the school district's prior year's maintenance and operation fund ending cash balance and capital outlay fund ending cash balance to fund the additional increase for the period authorized but not to exceed ten years. For overrides approved by a vote of the qualified electors of the school district at an election held from and after October 31, 1998, the period of the additional increase prescribed in this subsection shall not exceed seven years for any capital override election.
- T. In addition to subsections P and S of this section, from the maintenance and operation fund and capital outlay fund ending cash balances, the school district governing board shall first use any available revenues to reduce its primary tax rate to zero and shall use any remaining revenues to fund the additional increase authorized as provided in subsections F and M of this section.
- U. If the voters in a school district disapprove the proposed budget, the alternate budget which, except for any budget increase authorized by a prior election, does not include an increase in the budget in excess of the amount provided in section 15-905 shall be adopted by the governing board as provided in section 15-905.
- V. The governing board may request that any override election be cancelled if any change in chapter 9 of this title changes the amount of the aggregate budget limit as provided in section 15-905. The request to cancel the override election shall be made to the county school superintendent at least ten days prior to the date of the scheduled override election.
- W. For any election conducted pursuant to subsection L or M of this section:
- 1. The ballot shall include the following statement in addition to any other statement required by this section:

The capital improvements that are proposed to be funded through this override election are to exceed the state standards and are in addition to monies provided by the state.

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budget by \$	to fund o	capital impro	vements over and
above those funded by	the stat	e. Under th	e students first
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2. The ballot shall contain the words "budget increase, yes" and "budget increase, no", and the voter shall signify the voter's desired choice.

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- 3. At least eighty-five days before the election, a school district shall submit proposed ballot language to the director of the Arizona legislative council. The director of the Arizona legislative council shall review the proposed ballot language to determine whether the proposed ballot language complies with this section. If the director of the Arizona legislative council determines that the proposed ballot language does not comply with this section, the director, within ten calendar days of the receipt of the proposed ballot language, shall notify the school district of the director's objections and the school district shall resubmit revised ballot language to the director for approval.
- X. If the voters approve the budget increase pursuant to subsection L or M of this section, the school district shall not use the override proceeds for any purposes other than the proposed capital improvements listed in the publicity pamphlet, except that up to ten per cent of the override proceeds may be used for general capital expenses, including cost overruns of proposed capital improvements.
- Y. Each school district that currently increases its budget pursuant to subsection L or M of this section is required to hold a public meeting each year between September 1 and October 31 at which an update of the progress of capital improvements financed through the override is discussed and at which the public is permitted an opportunity to comment. At a minimum, the update shall include a comparison of the current status and the original projections on the construction of capital improvements, the costs of capital improvements and the costs of capital improvements in progress or completed since the prior meeting and the future capital plans of the school district. The school district shall include in the public meeting a discussion of the school district's use of state capital aid and voter-approved bonding in funding capital improvements, if any.
- Z. If a budget in excess of the capital outlay revenue limit was previously adopted by the voters in a school district and will be in effect for the budget year or budget year and subsequent years, as provided in subsection L or M of this section, the governing board may request an additional budget in excess of the capital outlay revenue limit. If the voters in a school district authorize the additional budget in excess of the capital outlay revenue limit, the existing capital outlay revenue limit budget increase remains in effect.
 - Sec. 2. Section 41-1292, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 41-1292. <u>Joint legislative oversight committee on property tax assessment and appeals</u>
- A. The joint legislative oversight committee on property tax assessment and appeals is established to monitor and evaluate the system of assessment and appeals of property tax assessments established by title 42. The committee consists of:
- 1. Six legislators, three each appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, including the

chairmen of the senate finance committee and the house of representatives ways and means committee who shall serve as cochairmen of the oversight committee. No more than two members from each house may be members of the same political party.

- 2. Two county assessors, one each appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.
- 3. Two county treasurers, one each appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.
- 4. Four public members, who may include property tax practitioners, accountants and members of the state bar of Arizona, two each appointed by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.
- 5. The director of the department of revenue, or the director's designee.
- B. Members of the committee are not eligible to receive compensation for services or for reimbursement of expenses. The legislature shall provide staff support and meeting accommodations for the committee. Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing officer and, in the case of elected officials, until their elective term of office expires.
- C. The committee shall meet periodically to review the procedures and administrative structure for tax assessments and appeals and identify any areas of ambiguity, problems and needed changes and improvements. The committee may recommend legislation for consideration by the legislature.
- D. Each county assessor shall keep a record of the following information to report to the oversight committee:
 - 1. The date the assessment notices are mailed to property owners.
- 2. The date and number of appeals filed by class of property and the basis of the appeals, categorized by valuation method.
- 3. The number of assessor meetings requested, number of meetings held and the dates and results of the meetings.
- 4. The number of written appeals without a meeting being requested, the dates they were received and the outcome of the appeals with the assessor.
- E. The state and county board of equalization shall keep a record, for the purpose of reporting to the oversight committee, of the number of appeals, the dates received, the parties attending and the outcome of each appeal by type of property.
- F. The state board of tax appeals shall maintain a record, for the purpose of reporting to the oversight committee, of the number of requests for review on the record, the party requesting the review, the county of record and the outcome of the review by type of property.
 - Sec. 3. Section 42-1101, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 42-1101. <u>Application</u>

This article applies AND CHAPTER 2 OF THIS TITLE APPLY generally to the administration of income tax, withholding tax, transaction privilege tax, telecommunication services excise tax, county excise taxes and any other

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privilege excise tax administered by the department, severance tax, use tax, luxury tax, rental occupancy tax, estate tax, tax on water use and jet fuel excise and use tax.

Sec. 4. Title 42, chapter 1, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 42-1101.01, to read:

42-1101.01. Definitions

IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

- 1. "ELECTRONIC RETURN PREPARER" MEANS A PERSON WHO FOR COMPENSATION PREPARES AN ELECTRONIC RETURN, STATEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT OR PREPARES A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF AN ELECTRONIC RETURN, STATEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT OR TRANSFORMS A PAPER VERSION OF A COMPLETED RETURN, STATEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT TO AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE SAME RETURN, STATEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT. ELECTRONIC RETURN PREPARER DOES NOT INCLUDE A PERSON WHO FOR COMPENSATION PROVIDES ONLY COMPUTATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL SOFTWARE USED TO PREPARE AND FILE TAXES.
- 2. "ELECTRONIC RETURN TRANSMITTER" MEANS A PERSON WHO RECEIVES THE ELECTRONIC RETURN, STATEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT FROM A TAXPAYER OR ELECTRONIC RETURN PREPARER FOR ULTIMATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE DEPARTMENT.
 - 3. "RETURN PREPARER":
- (a) MEANS ANY PERSON THAT PREPARES A RETURN, STATEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT OR SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF A RETURN, STATEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT FOR COMPENSATION, REGARDLESS OF THE MEDIA USED TO PREPARE THE RETURN.
 - (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE A PERSON BECAUSE THE PERSON:
 - (i) FURNISHES TYPING, REPRODUCING OR OTHER MECHANICAL ASSISTANCE.
- (ii) PREPARES A RETURN, STATEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT FOR AN EMPLOYER AND IS REGULARLY AND CONTINUOUSLY EMPLOYED BY THE EMPLOYER.
- (iii) PREPARES AS A FIDUCIARY A RETURN, STATEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT FOR ANY PERSON.
- (iv) PREPARES A CLAIM FOR REFUND OR A RETURN, STATEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT FOR A TAXPAYER IN RESPONSE TO ANY NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY ISSUED TO THE TAXPAYER OR IN RESPONSE TO ANY WAIVER OF RESTRICTION AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF AN AUDIT OF THE TAXPAYER.
- (v) FURNISHES COMPUTATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL SOFTWARE USED BY THE TAXPAYER TO PREPARE THE TAXPAYER'S RETURN, STATEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT.
- (vi) ONLY PREPARES PAYMENT DOCUMENTS FOR PAYMENT MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-1129.
- 4. "RETURN, STATEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT" MEANS ANY RETURN, CLAIM FOR REFUND, STATEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT THAT IS REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED TO BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE OR TITLE 43, INCLUDING RETURNS FOR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT COLLECTS TAXES.



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Sec. 5. Section 42-1103.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 1 2 read: 3 42-1103.01. Action to enjoin return preparers A. The director may apply to the tax court to enjoin any return 4 preparer from engaging in business if the return preparer has: 5

- 42-1125 or 42-1127. 2. Misrepresented the preparer's experience or education.
- Guaranteed the payment of any tax refund or the allowance of any tax credit.

Been subject to a civil or criminal penalty prescribed by section

- Engaged in any other fraudulent or deceptive conduct that substantially interferes with the proper administration of this title or
- B. On application by the director and after a hearing, the court may enjoin the return preparer from engaging in business as a return preparer.
 - C. In this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - 1. "Return preparer":
- (a) Means any person that prepares a return, statement or other document or substantial portion of a return, statement or other document for compensation, regardless of the media used to prepare the return.
 - (b) Does not include a person because the person:
 - (i) Furnishes typing, reproducing or other mechanical assistance.
- (ii) Prepares a return, statement or other document for an employer and is regularly and continuously employed by the employer.
- (iii) Prepares as a fiduciary a return, statement or other document for any person.
- (iv) Prepares a claim for refund or a return, statement or other document for a taxpayer in response to any notice of deficiency issued to such taxpayer or in response to any waiver of restriction after the commencement of an audit of the taxpayer.
- (v) Furnishes computational and informational software used by the taxpayer to prepare the taxpayer's return, statement or other document.
- 2. "Return, statement or other document" means any return, statement or other document that is required or authorized to be filed with the department pursuant to this title or title 43, including returns for any political subdivision of this state for which the department collects taxes.
- Sec. 6. Section 42-1103.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

Understatement of taxpayer's liability by return 42-1103.02. preparer; civil penalty; definition

A. The department may impose a civil penalty of two hundred fifty 42 ϕ dollars against a return preparer who knew or should have known that an understatement of liability was on a return or claim for refund.

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- B. The department may impose a civil penalty of one thousand dollars against a return preparer who wilfully made an understatement of liability on a return or claim for refund.
- C. A return preparer is required to only pay eighty-five per cent of the imposed penalty if the payment is made within thirty days from the date that the penalty was imposed. A return preparer may not appeal to the department pursuant to section 42-1251 if the return preparer fails to file the appeal within thirty days from the date that the penalty was imposed. If there is a final order or decision stating that the return preparer did not make an understatement of liability in a return or claim for refund, the department shall refund any penalty amount paid and interest to the return preparer.
 - D. In this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1. "Return preparer" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-1103:01:
- 2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "understatement of liability" means any understatement of the net amount payable with respect to any imposed tax or any overstatement of the net amount creditable or refundable with respect to any tax.
- Sec. 7. Section 42-1103.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-1103.03. Suspension from electronic filing program

- A. The department may suspend an electronic return preparer from participating in the electronic filing program if the department determines that the electronic return preparer has failed to comply with any of the department's electronic filing program requirements, INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE SET FORTH IN RULES, MANUALS, RULINGS OR PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PROGRAM.
- B. Within one hundred eighty days of the mailing date of the notice of suspension from the electronic filing program, the taxpayer ELECTRONIC RETURN PREPARER may petition the department to review the action taken pursuant to section 42-1251. The petition shall set forth the reasons why the suspension should be lifted. Within fifteen days after the request for review, the department shall determine whether the suspension should be lifted.
- Within thirty days after the department notifies the taxpayer ELECTRONIC RETURN PREPARER of the determination under subsection A-B of this section, the taxpayer ELECTRONIC RETURN PREPARER may bring a civil action in tax court for a determination under this subsection. Within twenty days 40 · after service of process is made on the department, the tax court shall determine whether the suspension should be lifted. If the taxpayer ELECTRONIC RETURN PREPARER requests an extension of the twenty day period and 43 establishes reasonable grounds why an extension should be granted, the court may grant an extension of not more than forty additional days. A

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determination made by the tax court under this subsection is final except as provided in section 12-170, subsection C.

- D. In this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1. "Electronic return preparer" means a person who for compensation prepares an electronic return, statement or other document or prepares a substantial portion of an electronic return, statement or other document or transforms a paper version of a completed return, statement or other document to an electronic version of the same return, statement or other document for filing with the department. Electronic return preparer does not include a person who for compensation provides only computational and informational software used to prepare and file taxes.
- 2. "Return, statement or other document" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-1103.01.
 - Sec. 8. Section 42-1105, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 42-1105. <u>Taxpayer identification</u>, <u>verification and records:</u> retention
- A. The federal taxpayer identification number, assigned pursuant to section 6109 of the internal revenue code, is the taxpayer identifier for purposes of the taxes administered pursuant to this article. Each person who is required to make a return, statement or other document shall include the identifier in order to secure the person's proper identification. If the return, statement or other document is made, electronically or otherwise, by another person on behalf of the taxpayer, the taxpayer shall furnish the identifier to the other person, and the person shall furnish both the taxpayer's identifier and his own identifier with the return, statement or document.
- B. The department may prescribe by administrative rule alternative methods for signing, subscribing or verifying a return, statement or other document required or authorized to be filed with the department that have the same validity and consequence as the actual signature or written declaration of the taxpayer or other person required to sign, subscribe or verify the return, statement or other document. While the department is adopting a rule prescribing alternative methods for signing, subscribing or verifying a return, statement or other document, the director, by tax ruling, may waive the requirement of a signature for a particular type or class of return, statement or other document required to be filed with the department. For purposes of this subsection, "tax ruling" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-2052.
- C. A person who is a return preparer or an electronic return preparer shall furnish a completed copy of the return, statement or other document to the taxpayer no later than the time the return, statement or other document is presented for the taxpayer's signature.

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- D. Except as provided in section 42-3010, every person who is subject to the taxes administered pursuant to this article shall keep and preserve COPIES OF FILED TAX RETURNS, INCLUDING ANY ATTACHMENTS TO THE TAX RETURN, ANY SIGNATURE DOCUMENTS USED FOR THE TAX RETURN, suitable records and other books and accounts necessary to determine the tax for which the person is liable for the period prescribed in section 42-1104. The books, records and accounts shall be open for inspection at any reasonable time by the department or its authorized agent.
- E. Except as provided in section 42-3010, a return preparer OR ELECTRONIC RETURN PREPARER shall keep copies of the return, statement or other document for six years for transaction privilege AND USE tax returns and four years for all other returns, statements and other documents following the date on which the return, statement or other document was due to be filed or was filed with the department, whichever is later.
- F. Except as provided in section 42-3010, the department may authorize REQUIRE by administrative rule electronic return preparers to keep for each prepared return, statement or other document the following documents for six years for transaction privilege AND USE tax returns and four years for all other returns, statements and other documents following the later of either the date on which the return, statement or other document was filed or was due to be filed with the department:
- 1. The signature document or tax return form bearing the taxpayer's original signature in a manner prescribed by the department by administrative rule or tax ruling.
- 2. Any attachments to the return, statement or other document required to be submitted to the department if the return, statement or other document had not been electronically transmitted to the department.
- G. The operator of a swap meet, flea market, fair, carnival, festival, circus or other transient selling event shall maintain a current list of vendors conducting business on the premises as sellers. The list shall include each vendor name, business name and business address. On written notice the department may require an operator to submit a copy of the list at any time to the department.
- H. For at least the period of time prescribed by section 42-1104, the department shall retain records pursuant to sections 41-1346 through 41-1349 and 41-1351.
 - I. In this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1. "Electronic return preparer" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-1103.03.
- 2. "Return preparer" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-1103.01.
- 7. "Return, statement or other document" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-1103.01.

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Sec. 9. Section 42-1105.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-1105.01. <u>Signatures: return preparers and electronic return</u> preparers: definition

- A. Any person who is a return preparer or an electronic return preparer shall sign the prepared return, statement or other document according to the department's administrative rules or tax rulings. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION,
 - 8. In this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1. "Electronic return preparer" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-1103.03.
- 2. "Return preparer" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-1103.01.
- 3. "Return, statement or other document" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-1103.01.
- 4. "tax ruling" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-2052. Sec. 10. Section 42-1105.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-1105.02. Date of filing by electronic means; definitions

- A. Any return, statement or other document that is electronically filed pursuant to an electronic filing program established by the department shall be deemed filed and received by the department on the date of the electronic postmark. If the taxpayer and the electronic return preparer or the electronic return transmitter are in different time zones, it is the taxpayer's time zone, as determined by the taxpayer's address, that controls the timeliness of the electronically filed return, statement or other document. When a return, statement or other document has been electronically received on the host system of more than one electronic return preparer or electronic return transmitter during its ultimate transmission to the department, the return, statement or other document shall be deemed filed and received by the department on the date of the earliest electronic postmark.
- B. Any return, statement or other document THAT IS filed under subsection A of this section AND that is not received by the department shall be deemed filed and received on the date of the electronic filing, as evidenced by the electronic postmark if the sender:
 - 1. Establishes the date of the electronic filing.
- 2. Files a duplicate filing with the department within ten days after the department notifies the sender in writing of the nonreceipt of the filing.
- C. If the due date of any return, statement or other document filed under subsection A of this section falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the filing shall be considered timely if it is performed on the next business day.

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- D. In this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1. "Electronic filing program" means any program established by the department that authorizes the electronic filing of a return, statement or other document.
- 2. "Electronic postmark" means a record of the date and time in a particular time zone that the return, statement or other document is electronically received on the host system of the electronic return preparer or electronic return transmitter that participates in the transmission of the electronic return, statement or other document to the department.
- 3. "Electronic return preparer" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-1103.03.
- 4. "Electronic return transmitter" means a person who receives the electronic return, statement or other document from a taxpayer or electronic return preparer for ultimate transmittal to the department.
- 5. "Return, statement or other document" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-1103.01.
- Sec. 11. Section 42-1125.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-1125.01. <u>Civil penalties for return preparers, electronic</u> filing and payment participants

- A. If a return preparer or electronic return preparer fails to furnish a completed copy of any return, statement or other document to the taxpayer when the return, statement or other document is presented for the taxpayer's signature, the return preparer shall pay a penalty of fifty dollars unless it is shown that the failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to wilful neglect. The maximum penalty amount for a return preparer under this subsection during any calendar year shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.
- B. If a return preparer or electronic return preparer fails to sign any return, statement or other document, the return preparer or electronic return preparer shall pay a penalty of fifty dollars unless it is shown that the failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to wilful neglect. The maximum penalty amount for a return preparer or electronic return preparer under this subsection during any calendar year shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.
- C. If a return preparer or electronic return preparer fails to furnish the preparer's identifying number on any return, statement or other document, the return preparer or electronic return preparer shall pay a penalty of fifty dollars unless it is shown that the failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to wilful neglect. The maximum penalty amount for a return preparer or electronic return preparer under this subsection during any cylendar year shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.
- D. If a return preparer or electronic return preparer fails to retain a copy of any return, statement or other document for SIX YEARS FOR TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE AND USE TAX RETURNS AND four years FOR ALL OTHER

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RETURNS, STATEMENTS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS following the later of either the date on which the return, statement or other document was filed or was due to be filed with the department, the return preparer or electronic return preparer shall pay a penalty of fifty dollars unless it is shown that the failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to wilful neglect. The maximum penalty amount for a return preparer or electronic return preparer under this subsection during any calendar year shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

- E. If a return preparer or electronic return preparer fraudulently endorses or negotiates any check that is issued to a taxpayer, the return preparer or electronic return preparer shall pay a penalty of five hundred dollars.
- F. An electronic return preparer or electronic return transmitter that fails to comply with any electronic filing program requirement shall pay a penalty of fifty dollars for each failure unless it is shown that the failure is due to reasonable cause and not due to wilful neglect. The maximum penalty amount for a return preparer, electronic return preparer or electronic return transmitter under this subsection during any calendar year shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.
- G. The penalties provided in this section are in addition to other penalties provided by law.
 - H. All penalties are payable on notice and demand from the department.
 - I. This section applies to all taxes administered by the department.
 - J. In this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1. "Electronic return preparer" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-1103.03.
- 2. "Electronic return transmitter" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-1105.02.
- 3. "Return preparer" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-1103.01.
- 4. "Return, statement or other document" has the same meaning prescribed in section 42-1103.01.
- Sec. 12. Section 42-2001, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-2001. Definitions

In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

- "Affidavits" includes forms received to report nontaxable estates.
- 2. "Claimant" means a person asserting an ownership interest in property presumed abandoned under title 44, chapter 3.
 - 3. 2. "Confidential information":
- (a) Includes the following information whether it concerns individual taxpayers or is aggregate information for specifically identified taxpayers:
- (i) Returns and reports filed with the department for income tax, withholding tax, transaction privilege tax, luxury tax, use tax, rental

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occupancy tax, property tax, estate tax, AND severance tax and unclaimed property.

- (ii) Affidavits, reports or other information filed relating to taxable and nontaxable estates and to claims for unclaimed property.
- (iii) Applications for transaction privilege licenses, luxury tax licenses, use tax licenses and withholding licenses.
- (iv) Information discovered concerning taxes and receipts by the department, whether or not by compulsory process.
- (v) Return information obtained from the United States internal revenue service and United States bureau of alcohol, tobacco and firearms.
- (vi) Information supplied at the special request of the department by a taxpayer or claimant of unclaimed property which the taxpayer requests to be held in confidence.
- (vii) Guidelines, standards or procedures that are established by the department for, or other information relating to, selecting returns or taxpayers for examination or settling or compromising any tax liability.
- (viii) A taxpayer's identity, the nature, source or amount of the taxpayer's income, payments, receipts, deductions, exemptions, credits, assets, liabilities, net worth, tax liability, tax withheld, deficiencies, overassessments or tax payments, whether the taxpayer's return was, is being or will be examined or subject to investigation, collection or processing or any other data received by, recorded by, prepared by, furnished to or collected by the department with respect to a return or with respect to the termination, or possible existence, of liability of any person for any tax, penalty or interest imposed pursuant to this title or title 43 or unclaimed property.
 - (b) Does not include information which is otherwise a public record.
- 4. 3. "Report" includes a notice of insurance payments, a request for a release of a bank account. AND an inventory of a safe deposit box and a holders' report of abandoned property.
- 5. 4. "Return" includes any form prescribed by the department and any supporting schedules, attachments and lists.
- 6. 5. "Tax administration" includes assessment, collection, investigation, litigation, statistical gathering functions, enforcement, policy making functions or management of those functions of the tax revenue laws of this state.
- 7. 6. "Taxpayer", with respect to a joint return, means either party. Sec. 13. Section 42-2003, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2002, chapter 50, section 2, is amended to read:

42-2003. Authorized disclosure of confidential information

- A. Confidential information relating to:
- 1. A taxpayer may be disclosed to the taxpayer, its successor in interest or a designee of the taxpayer who is authorized in writing by the taxpayer. A principal corporate officer of a parent corporation may execute a written authorization for a controlled subsidiary.

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- 2. A corporate taxpayer may be disclosed to any principal officer, any person designated by a principal officer or any person designated in a resolution by the corporate board of directors or other similar governing body.
- 3. A partnership may be disclosed to any partner of the partnership. This exception does not include disclosure of confidential information of a particular partner unless otherwise authorized.
- 4. An estate may be disclosed to the personal representative of the estate and to any heir, next of kin or beneficiary under the will of the decedent if the department finds that the heir, next of kin or beneficiary has a material interest which will be affected by the confidential information.
- 5. A trust may be disclosed to the trustee or trustees, jointly or separately, and to the grantor or any beneficiary of the trust if the department finds that the grantor or beneficiary has a material interest which will be affected by the confidential information.
- 6. Any taxpayer may be disclosed if the taxpayer has waived any rights to confidentiality either in writing or on the record in any administrative or judicial proceeding.
- 7. A claimant may be disclosed to the claimant, its successor in interest or a designee of the claimant pursuant to written authorization by the claimant.
 - B. Confidential information may be disclosed to:
- 1. Any employee of the department whose official duties involve tax or unclaimed property administration.
- 2. The office of the attorney general solely for its use in preparation for, or in an investigation which may result in, any proceeding involving tax or unclaimed property administration before the department or any other agency or board of this state, or before any grand jury or any state or federal court.
- 3. The department of liquor licenses and control for its use in determining whether a spirituous liquor licensee has paid all transaction privilege taxes and affiliated excise taxes incurred as a result of the sale of spirituous liquor at the licensed establishment and imposed on the licensed establishments by this state and its political subdivisions.
- 4. Other state tax or unclaimed property officials of this state whose official duties require the disclosure for proper tax or unclaimed property administration purposes if the information is sought in connection with an investigation or any other proceeding conducted by the official. Any disclosure is limited to information of a taxpayer or claimant who is being investigated or who is a party to a proceeding conducted by the official.
- 5. The following agencies, officials and organizations, if they grant substantially similar privileges to the department for the type of information being sought, pursuant to statute and a written agreement between

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the department and the foreign country, agency, state, Indian tribe or organization:

- (a) The United States internal revenue service, United States bureau of alcohol, tobacco and firearms, United States drug enforcement agency and federal bureau of investigation.
 - (b) A state tax or unclaimed property official of another state.
- (c) An organization of states that operates an information exchange for tax administration purposes.
- (d) An agency, official or organization of a foreign country with responsibilities that are comparable to those listed in subdivision (a), (b) or (c) of this paragraph.
- (e) An agency, official or organization of an Indian tribal government with responsibilities comparable to the responsibilities of the agencies, officials or organizations identified in subdivision (a), (b) or (c) of this paragraph.
- 6. The auditor general, in connection with any audit of the department subject to the restrictions in section 42-2002, subsection C.
- 7. Any person to the extent necessary for effective tax or unclaimed property administration in connection with:
- processing, storage, transmission, destruction (a) The and reproduction of the information.
- (b) The programming, maintenance, repair, testing and procurement of equipment for purposes of tax administration.
- 8. The office of administrative hearings relating to taxes administered by the department pursuant to section 42-1101, but the department shall not disclose any confidential information:
 - (a) Regarding income tax, withholding tax or estate tax.
- (b) On any tax issue relating to information associated with the reporting of income tax, withholding tax or estate tax.
- 9. The United States treasury inspector general for tax administration for the purpose of reporting a violation of internal revenue code section 7213A (26 United States Code section 7213A), unauthorized inspection of returns or return information.
- 10. The financial management service of the United States treasury department for use in the treasury offset program.
- C. Confidential information may be disclosed in any state or federal judicial or administrative proceeding pertaining to tax or unclaimed property administration if the taxpayer or claimant is a party to the proceeding.
 - Identity information may be disclosed for purposes of notifying:
- persons entitled to tax refunds if the department is unable to locate the persons after reasonable effort.
 - 2. Owners of unclaimed property pursuant to section 44-309.
- E. The department, upon the request of any person, shall provide the 44 Anames and addresses of bingo licensees as defined in section 5-401 or verify

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whether or not a person has a privilege license and number or withholding license and number.

- F. A department employee, in connection with the official duties relating to any audit, collection activity or civil or criminal investigation, may disclose return information to the extent that disclosure is necessary to obtain information which is not otherwise reasonably available. These official duties include the correct determination of and liability for tax, the amount to be collected or the enforcement of other state tax revenue laws.
- G. If an organization is exempt from this state's income tax as provided in section 43-1201 for any taxable year, the name and address of the organization and the application filed by the organization upon which the department made its determination for exemption together with any papers submitted in support of the application and any letter or document issued by the department concerning the application are open to public inspection.
- H. Confidential information relating to transaction privilege tax, use tax, SEVERANCE TAX, JET FUEL EXCISE AND USE TAX and rental occupancy tax may be disclosed to any county, city or town tax official if the information relates to a taxpayer who is or may be taxable by the county, city or town. Any taxpayer information released by the department to the county, city or town:
 - 1. May only be used for internal purposes.
- 2. May not be disclosed to the public in any manner that does not comply with confidentiality standards established by the department. The county, city or town shall agree in writing with the department that any release of confidential information that violates the confidentiality standards adopted by the department will result in the immediate suspension of any rights of the county, city or town to receive taxpayer information under this subsection.
- I. The department may disclose statistical information gathered from confidential information if it does not disclose confidential information attributable to any one taxpayer or claimant of unclaimed property. In order to comply with the requirements of section 42-5029, subsection A, paragraph 3, the department may disclose to the state treasurer statistical information gathered from confidential information, even if it discloses confidential information attributable to a taxpayer.
- J. The department may disclose the aggregate amounts of any tax credit, tax deduction or tax exemption enacted after January 1, 1994. Information subject to disclosure under this subsection shall not be disclosed if a taxpayer demonstrates to the department that such information would give an unfair advantage to competitors.
- K. Except as provided in section 42-2002, subsection B, confidential information, described in section 42-2001, paragraph 3 2, subdivision (a), item (iii), may be disclosed to law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes.

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- L. The department may provide transaction privilege tax license information to property tax officials in a county for the purpose of identification and verification of the tax status of commercial property.
- M. The department may provide transaction privilege tax, luxury tax, use tax, property tax and severance tax information to the ombudsman-citizens aide pursuant to title 41, chapter 8, article 5.
- N. Except as provided in section 42-2002, subsection C, a court may order the department to disclose confidential information pertaining to a party to an action. An order shall be made only upon a showing of good cause and that the party seeking the information has made demand upon the taxpayer or claimant for the information.
- O. This section does not prohibit the disclosure by the department of any information or documents submitted to the department by a bingo licensee. Before disclosing the information the department shall obtain the name and address of the person requesting the information.
- P. If the department is required or permitted to disclose confidential information, it may charge the person or agency requesting the information for the reasonable cost of its services.
- Q. Except as provided in section 42-2002, subsection C, the department of revenue shall release confidential information as requested by the department of economic security pursuant to section 42-1122 or 46-291. Information disclosed under this subsection is limited to the same type of information that the United States internal revenue service is authorized to disclose under section 6103(1)(6) of the internal revenue code.
- R. To comply with the requirements of section 42-5031, the department may disclose to the state treasurer, to the county stadium district board of directors and to any city or town tax official that is part of the county stadium district confidential information attributable to a taxpayer's business activity conducted in the county stadium district.
- S. The department shall release confidential information as requested by the attorney general for purposes of determining compliance with and enforcing section 44-7101, the master settlement agreement referred to therein and subsequent agreements to which the state is a party that amend or implement the master settlement agreement. Information disclosed under this subsection is limited to luxury tax information relating to tobacco manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers and information collected by the department pursuant to section 44-7101(2)(j).
- T. FOR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT, THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, THE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS OR ANY STATE OR FEDERAL COURT INVOLVING PENALTIES THAT WERE ASSESSED AGAINST A RETURN PREPARER OR ELECTRONIC RETURN PREPARER PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-1103.02 OR 42-1125.01, CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION MAY BE DISCLOSED ONLY BEFORE THE JUDGE OR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ADJUDICATING THE PROCEEDING, THE PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDING AND THE PARTIES' REPRESENTATIVES IN THE PROCEEDING PRIOR TO ITS INTRODUCTION INTO EVIDENCE IN THE PROCEEDING. THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION MAY BE INTRODUCED

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AS EVIDENCE IN THE PROCEEDING ONLY IF THE TAXPAYER'S NAME, THE NAMES OF ANY DEPENDENTS LISTED ON THE RETURN, ALL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, THE TAXPAYER'S ADDRESS, THE TAXPAYER'S SIGNATURE AND ANY ATTACHMENTS CONTAINING ANY OF THE FOREGOING INFORMATION ARE REDACTED AND IF EITHER:

- 1. THE TREATMENT OF AN ITEM REFLECTED ON SUCH RETURN IS OR MAY BE RELATED TO THE RESOLUTION OF AN ISSUE IN THE PROCEEDING.
- 2. SUCH RETURN OR RETURN INFORMATION RELATES OR MAY RELATE TO A TRANSACTIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A PERSON WHO IS A PARTY TO THE PROCEEDING AND THE TAXPAYER WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE RESOLUTION OF AN ISSUE IN THE PROCEEDING.
- Sec. 14. Section 42-5061, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-5061. Retail classification; definitions

- A. The retail classification is comprised of the business of selling tangible personal property at retail. The tax base for the retail classification is the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from the business. The tax imposed on the retail classification does not apply to the gross proceeds of sales or gross income from:
- 1. Professional or personal service occupations or businesses which involve sales or transfers of tangible personal property only as inconsequential elements.
- 2. Services rendered in addition to selling tangible personal property at retail.
- 3. Sales of warranty or service contracts. The storage, use or consumption of tangible personal property provided under the conditions of such contracts is subject to tax under section 42-5156.
- 4. Sales of tangible personal property by any nonprofit organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and recognized by the United States internal revenue service under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code.
- 5. Sales to persons engaged in business classified under the restaurant classification of articles used by human beings for food, drink or condiment, whether simple, mixed or compounded.
- 6. Business activity which is properly included in any other business classification which is taxable under article 1 of this chapter.
 - 7. The sale of stocks and bonds.
- 8. Drugs and medical oxygen, including delivery hose, mask or tent, regulator and tank, on the prescription of a member of the medical, dental or veterinarian profession who is licensed by law to administer such substances.
- 9. Prosthetic appliances as defined in section 23-501 prescribed or recommended by a health professional licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 7.78, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 or 29.
 - 🗐0. Insulin, insulin syringes and glucose test strips.
 - 11. Prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses.

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- 12. Hearing aids as defined in section 36-1901.
- Durable medical equipment which has a federal health care financing administration CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES common procedure code, is designated reimbursable by medicare, is prescribed by a person who is licensed under title 32, chapter 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 17 or 29, can withstand repeated use, is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, is generally not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury and is appropriate for use in the home.
- Sales to nonresidents of this state for use outside this state if the vendor ships or delivers the tangible personal property out of this state.
- Food, as provided in and subject to the conditions of article 3 of 15. this chapter and section 42-5074.
- 16. Items purchased with United States department of agriculture food stamp coupons issued under the food stamp act of 1977 (P.L. 95-113; 91 Stat. 958) or food instruments issued under section 17 of the child nutrition act (P.L. 95-627; 92 Stat. 3603; P.L. 99-661, section 4302; 42 United States Code section 1786).
- 17. Textbooks by any bookstore that are required by any state university or community college.
- 18. Food and drink to a person who is engaged in business which is classified under the restaurant classification and which provides such food and drink without monetary charge to its employees for their own consumption on the premises during the employees' hours of employment.
- Articles of food, drink or condiment and accessory tangible personal property to a school district if such articles and accessory tangible personal property are to be prepared and served to persons for consumption on the premises of a public school within the district during school hours.
- 20. Lottery tickets or shares pursuant to title 5, chapter 5, article 1.
- 21. The sale of precious metal bullion and monetized bullion to the ultimate consumer, but the sale of coins or other forms of money for manufacture into jewelry or works of art is subject to the tax. In this paragraph:
- (a) "Monetized bullion" means coins and other forms of money which are manufactured from gold, silver or other metals and which have been or are used as a medium of exchange in this or another state, the United States or a foreign nation.
- (b) "Precious metal bullion" means precious metal, including gold, silver, platinum, rhodium and palladium, which has been smelted or refined so that its value depends on its contents and not on its form.
- 22. Motor vehicle fuel and use fuel which are subject to a tax imposed 44 under title 28, chapter 16, article 1, sales of use fuel to a holder of a valid single trip use fuel tax permit issued under section 28-5739, sales of

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aviation fuel which are subject to the tax imposed under section 28-8344 and sales of jet fuel which are subject to the tax imposed under article 8 of this chapter.

- 23. Tangible personal property sold to a person engaged in the business of leasing or renting such property under the personal property rental classification if such property is to be leased or rented by such person.
- 24. Tangible personal property sold in interstate or foreign commerce if prohibited from being so taxed by the Constitution of the United States or the constitution of this state.
 - 25. Tangible personal property sold to:
 - (a) A qualifying hospital as defined in section 42-5001.
- (b) A qualifying health care organization as defined in section 42-5001 if the tangible personal property is used by the organization solely to provide health and medical related educational and charitable services.
- (c) A qualifying health care organization as defined in section 42-5001 if the organization is dedicated to providing educational, therapeutic, rehabilitative and family medical education training for blind, visually impaired and multihandicapped children from the time of birth to age twenty-one.
- (d) A qualifying community health center as defined in section 42-5001.
- (e) A nonprofit charitable organization that has qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code and that regularly serves meals to the needy and indigent on a continuing basis at no cost.
- (f) For taxable periods beginning from and after June 30, 2001, a nonprofit charitable organization that has qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code and that provides residential apartment housing for low income persons over sixty-two years of age in a facility that qualifies for a federal housing subsidy, if the tangible personal property is used by the organization solely to provide residential apartment housing for low income persons over sixty-two years of age in a facility that qualifies for a federal housing subsidy.
- 26. Magazines or other periodicals or other publications by this state to encourage tourist travel.
- 27. Tangible personal property sold to a person that is subject to tax under this article by reason of being engaged in business classified under the prime contracting classification under section 42-5075, or to a subcontractor working under the control of a prime contractor that is subject to tax under article 1 of this chapter, if the property so sold is any of the following:
- (a) Incorporated or fabricated by the person into any real property, structure, project, development or improvement as part of the business.
- 43 (b) Used in environmental response or remediation activities under 44 section 42-5075, subsection B, paragraph 6.

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- (c) Incorporated or fabricated by the person into any lake facility development in a commercial enhancement reuse district under conditions prescribed for the deduction allowed by section 42-5075, subsection B, paragraph 8.
 - 28. The sale of a motor vehicle to:
- (a) A nonresident of this state if the purchaser's state of residence does not allow a corresponding use tax exemption to the tax imposed by article 1 of this chapter and if the nonresident has secured a special thirty-day nonresident registration of the vehicle by applying according to section 28-2154.
- (b) An enrolled member of an Indian tribe who resides on the Indian reservation established for that tribe.
- 29. Tangible personal property purchased or leased in this state by a nonprofit charitable organization that has qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the United States internal revenue code and that engages in and uses such property exclusively for training, job placement or rehabilitation programs or testing for mentally or physically handicapped persons.
- 30. Sales of tangible personal property by a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) or 501(c)(6) of the internal revenue code if the organization is associated with a major league baseball team or a national touring professional golfing association and no part of the organization's net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
- 31. Sales of commodities, as defined by title 7 United States Code section 2, that are consigned for resale in a warehouse in this state in or from which the commodity is deliverable on a contract for future delivery subject to the rules of a commodity market regulated by the United States commodity futures trading commission.
- 32. Sales of tangible personal property by a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6), 501(c)(7) or 501(c)(8) of the internal revenue code if the organization sponsors or operates a rodeo featuring primarily farm and ranch animals and no part of the organization's net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
- 33. Sales of new semitrailers, as defined in section 28-101, manufactured in Arizona, or new parts manufactured in Arizona for semitrailers sold by the manufacturer to a person who holds an interstate commerce commission license for use in interstate commerce.
- 34. 33. Sales of seeds, seedlings, roots, bulbs, cuttings and other propagative material to persons who use those items to commercially produce agricultural, horticultural, viticultural or floricultural crops in this state.
- 43 35: 34. Machinery, equipment, technology or related supplies that are 44 Conly useful to assist a person who is physically disabled as defined in 45 section 46–191, has a developmental disability as defined in section 36–551

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or has a head injury as defined in section 41-3201 to be more independent and functional.

- 36. 35. Sales of tangible personal property that is shipped or delivered directly to a destination outside the United States for use in that foreign country.
- 37. 36. Sales of natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas used to propel a motor vehicle.
- 38. 37. Paper machine clothing, such as forming fabrics and dryer felts, sold to a paper manufacturer and directly used or consumed in paper manufacturing.
- 39. 38. Coal, petroleum, coke, natural gas, virgin fuel oil and electricity sold to a qualified environmental technology manufacturer, producer or processor as defined in section 41-1514.02 and directly used or consumed in the generation or provision of on-site power or energy solely for environmental technology manufacturing, producing or processing or environmental protection. This paragraph shall apply for fifteen full consecutive calendar or fiscal years from the date the first paper manufacturing machine is placed in service. In the case of an environmental technology manufacturer, producer or processor who does not manufacture paper, the time period shall begin with the date the first manufacturing, processing or production equipment is placed in service.
- 40. 39. Sales of liquid, solid or gaseous chemicals used in manufacturing, processing, fabricating, mining, refining, metallurgical operations, research and development and, beginning on January 1, 1999, printing, if using or consuming the chemicals, alone or as part of an integrated system of chemicals, involves direct contact with the materials from which the product is produced for the purpose of causing or permitting a chemical or physical change to occur in the materials as part of the production process. This paragraph does not include chemicals that are used or consumed in activities such as packaging, storage or transportation but does not affect any deduction for such chemicals that is otherwise provided by this section. for purposes of this paragraph, "printing" means a commercial printing operation and includes job printing, engraving, embossing, copying and bookbinding.
- 41. 40. Through December 31, 1994, personal property liquidation transactions, conducted by a personal property liquidator. From and after December 31, 1994, personal property liquidation transactions shall be taxable under this section provided that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the taxation of casual activities or transactions under this chapter. In this paragraph:
- "Personal property liquidation transaction" means a sale of personal property made by a personal property liquidator acting solely on 43 () behalf of the owner of the personal property sold at the dwelling of the 44 Yowner or upon the death of any owner, on behalf of the surviving spouse, if

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any, any devisee or heir or the personal representative of the estate of the deceased, if one has been appointed.

- (b) "Personal property liquidator" means a person who is retained to conduct a sale in a personal property liquidation transaction.
- 42. 41. Sales of food, drink and condiment for consumption within the premises of any prison, jail or other institution under the jurisdiction of the state department of corrections, the department of public safety, the department of juvenile corrections or a county sheriff.
- 43. 42. A motor vehicle and any repair and replacement parts and tangible personal property becoming a part of such motor vehicle sold to a motor carrier who is subject to a fee prescribed in title 28, chapter 16, article 4 and who is engaged in the business of leasing or renting such property.
- 44. 43. Livestock and poultry feed, salts, vitamins and other additives for livestock or poultry consumption that are sold to persons who are engaged in producing livestock, poultry, or livestock or poultry products or who are engaged in feeding livestock or poultry commercially. For purposes of this paragraph, "poultry" includes ratites.
- 45. 44. Sales of implants used as growth promotants and injectable medicines, not already exempt under paragraph 8 of this subsection, for livestock or poultry owned by or in possession of persons who are engaged in producing livestock, poultry, or livestock or poultry products or who are engaged in feeding livestock or poultry commercially. For purposes of this paragraph, "poultry" includes ratites.
- 46. 45. Sales of motor vehicles at auction to nonresidents of this state for use outside this state if the vehicles are shipped or delivered out of this state, regardless of where title to the motor vehicles passes or its free on board point.
- 47. 46. Tangible personal property sold to a person engaged in business and subject to tax under the transient lodging classification if the tangible personal property is a personal hygiene item or articles used by human beings for food, drink or condiment, except alcoholic beverages, which are furnished without additional charge to and intended to be consumed by the transient during the transient's occupancy.
- 48. 47. Sales of alternative fuel, as defined in section 1-215, to a used oil fuel burner who has received a permit to burn used oil or used oil fuel under section 49-426 or 49-480.
- 49. 48. Sales of materials that are purchased by or for publicly funded libraries including school district libraries, charter school libraries, community college libraries, state university libraries or federal, state, county or municipal libraries for use by the public as follows:
- (a) Printed or photographic materials, beginning August 7, 1985.
 - ζ_{i} (b) Electronic or digital media materials, beginning July 17, 1994.

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- 50. 49. Tangible personal property sold to a commercial airline and consisting of food, beyorages and condiments and accessories used for serving the food and beverages, if those items are to be provided without additional charge to passengers for consumption in flight. For purposes of this paragraph, "commercial airline" means a person holding a federal certificate of public convenience and necessity or foreign air carrier permit for air transportation to transport persons, property or United States mail in intrastate, interstate or foreign commerce.
- 51. 50. Sales of alternative fuel vehicles, as defined in section 43-1086, if the vehicle was manufactured as a diesel fuel vehicle and converted to operate on alternative fuel and equipment that is installed in a conventional diesel fuel motor vehicle to convert the vehicle to operate on an alternative fuel, as defined in section 1-215.
- 52. 51. Sales of any spirituous, vinous or malt liquor by a person that is licensed in this state as a wholesaler by the department of liquor licenses and control pursuant to title 4, chapter 2, article 1.
- Sales of tangible personal property to be incorporated or installed as part of environmental response or remediation activities under section 42-5075, subsection B, paragraph 6.
- of tangible personal property by 54. 53. Sales organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(6) of the internal revenue code if the organization produces, organizes or promotes cultural or civic related festivals or events and no part of the organization's net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
- In addition to the deductions from the tax base prescribed by subsection A of this section, the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from sales of the following categories of tangible personal property shall be deducted from the tax base:
- equipment, directly in manufacturing, Machinery, or used processing, fabricating, job printing, refining or metallurgical operations. The terms "manufacturing", "processing", "fabricating", "job printing", "refining" and "metallurgical" as used in this paragraph refer to and include those operations commonly understood within their ordinary meaning. "Metallurgical operations" includes leaching, milling, precipitating, smelting and refining.
- 2. Mining machinery, or equipment, used directly in the process of extracting ores or minerals from the earth for commercial purposes, including equipment required to prepare the materials for extraction and handling, loading or transporting such extracted material to the surface. includes underground, surface and open pit operations for extracting ores and minerals.
- Tangible personal property sold to persons engaged in business 3. 44 % classified under the telecommunications classification and consisting of central office switching equipment, switchboards, private branch exchange

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equipment, microwave radio equipment and carrier equipment including optical fiber, coaxial cable and other transmission media which are components of carrier systems.

- 4. Machinery, equipment or transmission lines used directly in producing or transmitting electrical power, but not including distribution. Transformers and control equipment used at transmission substation sites constitute equipment used in producing or transmitting electrical power.
- 5. Neat animals, horses, asses, sheep, ratites, swine or goats used or to be used as breeding or production stock, including sales of breedings or ownership shares in such animals used for breeding or production.
- Pipes or valves four inches in diameter or larger used to transport oil, natural gas, artificial gas, water or coal slurry, including compressor units, regulators, machinery and equipment, fittings, seals and any other part that is used in operating the pipes or valves.
- 7. Aircraft, navigational and communication instruments and other accessories and related equipment sold to:
- (a) A person holding a federal certificate of public convenience and necessity, a supplemental air carrier certificate under federal aviation regulations (14 Code of Federal Regulations part 121) or a foreign air carrier permit for air transportation for use as or in conjunction with or becoming a part of aircraft to be used to transport persons, property or United States mail in intrastate, interstate or foreign commerce.
- (b) Any foreign government for use by such government outside of this state.
- (c) Persons who are not residents of this state and who will not use such property in this state other than in removing such property from this This subdivision also applies to corporations that are not incorporated in this state, regardless of maintaining a place of business in this state, if the principal corporate office is located outside this state and the property will not be used in this state other than in removing the property from this state.
- 8. Machinery, tools, equipment and related supplies used or consumed directly in repairing, remodeling or maintaining aircraft, aircraft engines or aircraft component parts by or on behalf of a certificated or licensed carrier of persons or property.
- 9. Railroad rolling stock, rails, ties and signal control equipment used directly to transport persons or property.
- 10. Machinery or equipment used directly to drill for oil or gas or used directly in the process of extracting oil or gas from the earth for commercial purposes.
- Buses or other urban mass transit vehicles which are used directly to transport persons or property for hire or pursuant to a governmentally adopted and controlled urban mass transportation program and which are sold 44 auto bus companies holding a federal certificate of convenience and necessity or operated by any city, town or other governmental entity or by any person

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contracting with such governmental entity as part of a governmentally adopted and controlled program to provide urban mass transportation.

- Groundwater measuring devices required under section 45-604.
- New machinery and equipment consisting of tractors, tractor-drawn implements, self-powered implements, machinery and equipment necessary for extracting milk, and machinery and equipment necessary for cooling milk and livestock, and drip irrigation lines not already exempt under paragraph 6 of this subsection and that are used for commercial production of agricultural. horticultural, viticultural and floricultural crops and products in this state. In this paragraph:
- "New machinery and equipment" means machinery and equipment which (a) have never been sold at retail except pursuant to leases or rentals which do not total two years or more.
- (b) "Self-powered implements" includes machinery and equipment that are electric-powered.
- 14. Machinery or equipment used in research and development. In this paragraph, "research and development" means basic and applied research in the sciences and engineering, and designing, developing or testing prototypes, processes or new products, including research and development of computer software that is embedded in or an integral part of the prototype or new product or that is required for machinery or equipment otherwise exempt under Research and development do not this section to function effectively. include manufacturing quality control, routine consumer product testing, market research, sales promotion, sales service, research in social sciences or psychology, computer software research that is not included in the definition of research and development, or other nontechnological activities or technical services.
- Machinery and equipment that are purchased by or on behalf of the owners of a soundstage complex and primarily used for motion picture, multimedia or interactive video production in the complex. This paragraph applies only if the initial construction of the soundstage complex begins after June 30, 1996 and before January 1, 2002 and the machinery and equipment are purchased before the expiration of five years after the start of initial construction. For purposes of this paragraph:
- (a) "Motion picture, multimedia or interactive video production" includes products for theatrical and television release, educational presentations, electronic retailing, documentaries, music videos, industrial films, CD-ROM, video game production, commercial advertising and television episode production and other genres that are introduced through developing technology.
- (b) "Soundstage complex" means a facility of multiple stages including production offices, construction shops and related areas, prop and costume shops, storage areas, parking for production vehicles and areas that are 44 (1) leased to businesses that complement the production needs and orientation of the overall facility.

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- 16. Tangible personal property that is used by either of the following to receive, store, convert, produce, generate, decode, encode, control or transmit telecommunications information:
- (a) Any direct broadcast satellite television or data transmission service that operates pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations parts 25 and 100.
- (b) Any satellite television or data transmission facility, if both of the following conditions are met:
- (i) Over two-thirds of the transmissions, measured in megabytes, transmitted by the facility during the test period were transmitted to or on behalf of one or more direct broadcast satellite television or data transmission services that operate pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations parts 25 and 100.
- (ii) Over two-thirds of the transmissions, measured in megabytes, transmitted by or on behalf of those direct broadcast television or data transmission services during the test period were transmitted by the facility to or on behalf of those services.
- For purposes of subdivision (b) of this paragraph, "test period" means the three hundred sixty-five day period beginning on the later of the date on which the tangible personal property is purchased or the date on which the direct broadcast satellite television or data transmission service first transmits information to its customers.
- 17. Clean rooms that are used for manufacturing, processing, fabrication or research and development, as defined in paragraph 14 of this subsection, of semiconductor products. For purposes of this paragraph, "clean room" means all property that comprises or creates an environment where humidity, temperature, particulate matter and contamination are precisely controlled within specified parameters, without regard to whether the property is actually contained within that environment or whether any of the property is affixed to or incorporated into real property. Clean room:
- (a) Includes the integrated systems, fixtures, piping, movable partitions, lighting and all property that is necessary or adapted to reduce contamination or to control airflow, temperature, humidity, chemical purity or other environmental conditions or manufacturing tolerances, as well as the production machinery and equipment operating in conjunction with the clean room environment.
- (b) Does not include the building or other permanent, nonremovable component of the building that houses the clean room environment.
- Machinery and equipment used directly in the feeding of poultry, the environmental control of housing for poultry, the movement of eggs within a production and packaging facility or the sorting or cooling of eggs. This exemption does not apply to vehicles used for transporting eggs.
- Machinery or equipment, including related structural components, 44 that is employed in connection with manufacturing, processing, fabricating, 45 'job printing, refining, mining, natural gas pipelines, metallurgical

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operations, telecommunications, producing or transmitting electricity or research and development and that is used directly to meet or exceed rules or regulations adopted by the federal energy regulatory commission, the United States environmental protection agency, the United States nuclear regulatory commission, the Arizona department of environmental quality or a political subdivision of this state to prevent, monitor, control or reduce land, water or air pollution.

- 20. Machinery and equipment that are sold to a person engaged in the commercial production of livestock, livestock products or agricultural, horticultural, viticultural or floricultural crops or products in this state and that are used directly and primarily to prevent, monitor, control or reduce air, water or land pollution.
- 21. Machinery or equipment that enables a television station to originate and broadcast or to receive and broadcast digital television signals and that was purchased to facilitate compliance with the telecommunications act of 1996 (P.L. 104–104; 110 Stat. 56; 47 United States Code section 336) and the federal communications commission order issued April 21, 1997 (47 Code of Federal Regulations part 73). This paragraph does not exempt any of the following:
- (a) Repair or replacement parts purchased for the machinery or equipment described in this paragraph.
- (b) Machinery or equipment purchased to replace machinery or equipment for which an exemption was previously claimed and taken under this paragraph.
- (c) Any machinery or equipment purchased after the television station has ceased analog broadcasting, or purchased after November 1, 2009, whichever occurs first.
- C. The deductions provided by subsection B of this section do not include sales of:
- 1. Expendable materials. For purposes of this paragraph, expendable materials do not include any of the categories of tangible personal property specified in subsection B of this section regardless of the cost or useful life of that property.
 - Janitorial equipment and hand tools.
 - 3. Office equipment, furniture and supplies.
- 4. Tangible personal property used in selling or distributing activities, other than the telecommunications transmissions described in subsection B. paragraph 16 of this section.
- 5. Motor vehicles required to be licensed by this state, except buses or other urban mass transit vehicles specifically exempted pursuant to subsection B, paragraph 11 of this section, without regard to the use of such motor vehicles.
- 6. Shops, buildings, docks, depots and all other materials of whatever 42 kind or character not specifically included as exempt.
 - 7. Motors and pumps used in drip irrigation systems.

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- D. In computing the tax base, gross proceeds of sales or gross income from retail sales of automobiles does not include any amount attributable to federal excise taxes imposed by 26 United States Code section 4001.
- E. In addition to the deductions from the tax base prescribed by subsection A of this section, there shall be deducted from the tax base the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from sales of machinery, equipment, materials and other tangible personal property used directly and predominantly to construct a qualified environmental technology manufacturing, producing or processing facility as described in section 41-1514.02. This subsection applies for ten full consecutive calendar or fiscal years after the start of initial construction.
- F. In computing the tax base, gross proceeds of sales or gross income from retail sales of heavy trucks and trailers does not include any amount attributable to federal excise taxes imposed by 26 United States Code section 4051.
- G. In computing the tax base, gross proceeds of sales or gross income from the sale of use fuel, as defined in section 28-5601, does not include any amount attributable to federal excise taxes imposed by 26 United States Code section 4091.
- H. If a person is engaged in an occupation or business to which subsection A of this section applies, the person's books shall be kept so as to show separately the gross proceeds of sales of tangible personal property and the gross income from sales of services, and if not so kept the tax shall be imposed on the total of the person's gross proceeds of sales of tangible personal property and gross income from services.
- I. If a person is engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property at both wholesale and retail, the tax under this section applies only to the gross proceeds of the sales made other than at wholesale if the person's books are kept so as to show separately the gross proceeds of sales of each class, and if the books are not so kept, the tax under this section applies to the gross proceeds of every sale so made.
- J. A person who engages in manufacturing, baling, crating, boxing, barreling, canning, bottling, sacking, preserving, processing or otherwise preparing for sale or commercial use any livestock, agricultural or horticultural product or any other product, article, substance or commedity and who sells the product of such business at retail in this state is deemed, as to such sales, to be engaged in business classified under the retail classification. This subsection does not apply to businesses classified under the:
 - 1. Transporting classification.
 - 2. Utility classification.
 - 3. Telecommunications classification.
 - 4. Pipeline classification.
 - 5. Private car line classification.
 - 6. Publication classification.

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- 7. Job printing classification.
- 8. Prime contracting classification.
- 9. Owner builder sales classification.
- 10. Restaurant classification.
- K. The gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from the following shall be deducted from the tax base for the retail classification:
- 1. Sales made directly to the United States government or its departments or agencies by a manufacturer, modifier, assembler or repairer.
- 2. Sales made directly to a manufacturer, modifier, assembler or repairer if such sales are of any ingredient or component part of products sold directly to the United States government or its departments or agencies by the manufacturer, modifier, assembler or repairer.
- 3. Overhead materials or other tangible personal property that is used in performing a contract between the United States government and a manufacturer, modifier, assembler or repairer, including property used in performing a subcontract with a government contractor who is a manufacturer, modifier, assembler or repairer, to which title passes to the government under the terms of the contract or subcontract.
- 4. Sales of overhead materials or other tangible personal property to a manufacturer, modifier, assembler or repairer if the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from the property by the manufacturer, modifier, assembler or repairer will be exempt under paragraph 3 of this subsection.
- L. There shall be deducted from the tax base fifty per cent of the gross proceeds or gross income from any sale of tangible personal property made directly to the United States government or its departments or agencies, which is not deducted under subsection K of this section.
- M. The department shall require every person claiming a deduction provided by subsection K or L of this section to file on forms prescribed by the department at such times as the department directs a sworn statement disclosing the name of the purchaser and the exact amount of sales on which the exclusion or deduction is claimed.
- N. In computing the tax base, gross proceeds of sales or gross income does not include:
- 1. A manufacturer's cash rebate on the sales price of a motor vehicle if the buyer assigns the buyer's right in the rebate to the retailer.
 - 2. The waste tire disposal fee imposed pursuant to section 44-1302.
- O. There shall be deducted from the tax base the amount received from sales of solar energy devices, but the deduction shall not exceed five thousand dollars for each solar energy device. Before deducting any amount under this subsection, the retailer shall register with the department as a solar energy retailer. By registering, the retailer acknowledges that it will make its books and records relating to sales of solar energy devices available to the department for examination.

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- P. In computing the tax base in the case of the sale or transfer of wireless telecommunications equipment as an inducement to a customer to enter into or continue a contract for telecommunications services that are taxable under section 42-5064, gross proceeds of sales or gross income does not include any sales commissions or other compensation received by the retailer as a result of the customer entering into or continuing a contract for the telecommunications services.
- Q. For the purposes of this section, a sale of wireless telecommunications equipment to a person who holds the equipment for sale or transfer to a customer as an inducement to enter into or continue a contract for telecommunications services that are taxable under section 42-5064 is considered to be a sale for resale in the regular course of business.
- R. Retail sales of prepaid calling cards or prepaid authorization numbers for telecommunications services, including sales of reauthorization of a prepaid card or authorization number, are subject to tax under this section.
- S. For the purposes of this section, the diversion of gas from a pipeline by a person engaged in the business of operating a natural or artificial gas pipeline, for the sole purpose of fueling compressor equipment to pressurize the pipeline, is not a sale of the gas to the operator of the pipeline.
- If a seller is entitled to a deduction pursuant to subsection B, Τ. paragraph 16, subdivision (b) of this section, the department may require the purchaser to establish that the requirements of subsection B, paragraph 16, subdivision (b) of this section have been satisfied. If the purchaser cannot establish that the requirements of subsection B, paragraph 16, subdivision (b) of this section have been satisfied, the purchaser is liable in an amount equal to any tax, penalty and interest which the seller would have been required to pay under article 1 of this chapter if the seller had not made a deduction pursuant to subsection B, paragraph 16, subdivision (b) of this section. Payment of the amount under this subsection exempts the purchaser from liability for any tax imposed under article 4 of this chapter and related to the tangible personal property purchased. The amount shall be treated as transaction privilege tax to the purchaser and as tax revenues collected from the seller to designate the distribution base pursuant to section 42-5029.
- U. For purposes of section 42-5032.01, the department shall separately account for revenues collected under the retail classification from businesses selling tangible personal property at retail:
- 1. On the premises of a multipurpose facility that is owned, leased or operated by the tourism and sports authority pursuant to title 5, chapter 8.
- 2. At professional football contests that are held in a stadium located on the campus of an institution under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents.

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- V. For the purposes of this section:
- 1. "Aircraft" includes:
- (a) An airplane flight simulator that is approved by the federal aviation administration for use as a phase II or higher flight simulator under appendix H, 14 Code of Federal Regulations part 121.
- (b) Tangible personal property that is permanently affixed or attached as a component part of an aircraft that is owned or operated by a certificated or licensed carrier of persons or property.
- 2. "Other accessories and related equipment" includes aircraft accessories and equipment such as ground service equipment that physically contact aircraft at some point during the overall carrier operation.
- 3. "Selling at retail" means a sale for any purpose other than for resale in the regular course of business in the form of tangible personal property, but transfer of possession, lease and rental as used in the definition of sale mean only such transactions as are found on investigation to be in lieu of sales as defined without the words lease or rental.
 - W. For purposes of subsection K of this section:
- 1. "Assembler" means a person who unites or combines products, wares or articles of manufacture so as to produce a change in form or substance without changing or altering the component parts.
- 2. "Manufacturer" means a person who is principally engaged in the fabrication, production or manufacture of products, wares or articles for use from raw or prepared materials, imparting to those materials new forms, qualities, properties and combinations.
- 3. "Modifier" means a person who reworks, changes or adds to products, wares or articles of manufacture.
- 4. "Overhead materials" means tangible personal property, the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from which would otherwise be included in the retail classification, and which are used or consumed in the performance of a contract, the cost of which is charged to an overhead expense account and allocated to various contracts based upon generally accepted accounting principles and consistent with government contract accounting standards.
- 5. "Repairer" means a person who restores or renews products, wares or articles of manufacture.
- 6. "Subcontract" means an agreement between a contractor and any person who is not an employee of the contractor for furnishing of supplies or services that, in whole or in part, are necessary to the performance of one or more government contracts, or under which any portion of the contractor's obligation under one or more government contracts is performed, undertaken or assumed and that includes provisions causing title to overhead materials or other tangible personal property used in the performance of the subcontract to pass to the government or that includes provisions incorporating such title passing clauses in a government contract into the subcontract.

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Sec. 15. Section 42-5064, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-5064. <u>Telecommunications classification; definitions</u>

- A. The telecommunications classification is comprised of the business of providing intrastate telecommunications services. The telecommunications company classification does not include:
- 1. Sales of intrastate telecommunications services by a cable television system as defined in section 9-505 or by a microwave television transmission system that transmits television programming to multiple subscribers and that is operated pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations parts 21 and 74.
- 2. Sales of internet access services to the person's subscribers and customers.
- B. The tax base for the telecommunications classification is the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from the business, including the gross income derived from tolls, subscriptions and services on behalf of subscribers or from the publication of a directory of the names of subscribers. However, the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from the following shall be deducted from the tax base:
 - 1. Sales of intrastate telecommunications services to:
- (a) Other persons engaged in businesses classified under the telecommunications classification for use in such business.
- (b) A direct broadcast satellite television or data transmission service that operates pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations parts 25 and 100 for use in its direct broadcast satellite television or data transmission operation by a facility described in section 42-5061, subsection B, paragraph 16, subdivision (b).
- 2. End user common line charges established by federal communications commission regulations (47 Code of Federal Regulations section 69.104(a)).
- 3. Carrier access charges established by federal communications commission regulations (47 Code of Federal Regulations sections 69.105(a) through 69.118).
- 4. Sales of direct broadcast satellite television services pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations parts 25 and 100 by a direct broadcast satellite television service that operates pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations parts 25 and 100.
- 5. Telecommunications services purchased with a prepaid calling card, or a prepaid authorization number for telecommunications services, that is taxable under section 42-5061.
 - C. For purposes of this section:
- 1. "Internet" means the computer and telecommunications facilities that comprise the interconnected worldwide network of networks that employ the transmission control protocol or internet protocol, or any predecessor or successor protocol, to communicate information of all kinds by wire or radio.

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- 2. "Internet access" means a service that enables users to access content, information, electronic mail or other services over the internet. Internet access does not include telecommunications services provided by a common carrier.
- 3. "Intrastate telecommunications services" means transmitting signs, signals, writings, images, sounds, messages, data or other information of any nature by wire, radio waves, light waves or other electromagnetic means if the information transmitted originates and terminates in this state.
- Sec. 16. Section 42-5071, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-5071. Personal property rental classification

- A. The personal property rental classification is comprised of the business of leasing or renting tangible personal property for a consideration. The tax does not apply to:
- 1. Leasing or renting films, tapes or slides used by theaters or movies, which are engaged in business under the amusement classification, or used by television stations or radio stations.
- 2. Activities engaged in by the Arizona exposition and state fair board or county fair commissions in connection with events sponsored by such entities.
- 3. Leasing or renting tangible personal property by a parent corporation to a subsidiary corporation or by a subsidiary corporation to another subsidiary of the same parent corporation if taxes were paid under this chapter on the gross proceeds or gross income accruing from the initial sale of the tangible personal property. For purposes of this paragraph, "subsidiary" means a corporation of which at least eighty per cent of the voting shares are owned by the parent corporation.
- 4. Operating coin operated washing, drying and dry cleaning machines or coin operated car washing machines at establishments for the use of such machines.
- 5. Leasing or renting semitrailers manufactured in Arizona, as defined in section 28-101, to a person who holds a United States department of transportation number for use in interstate commerce.
- 6. Leasing or renting tangible personal property for incorporation into or comprising any part of a qualified environmental technology facility as described in section 41-1514.02. This paragraph shall apply for ten full consecutive calendar or fiscal years following the initial lease or rental by each qualified environmental technology manufacturer, producer or processor.
- 7. Leasing or renting aircraft, flight simulators or similar training equipment to students or staff by nonprofit, accredited educational institutions that offer associate or baccalaureate degrees in aviation or serospace related fields.

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- 8. Leasing or renting photographs, transparencies or other creative works used by this state on internet web sites, in magazines or in other publications that encourage tourism.
- B. The tax base for the personal property rental classification is the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from the business, but the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from the following shall be deducted from the tax base:
- Reimbursements by the lessee to the lessor of a motor vehicle for payments by the lessor of the applicable fees and taxes imposed by sections 28-2003, 28-2352, 28-2402, 28-2481 and 28-5801, title 28, chapter 15, article 2 and article IX, section 11, Constitution of Arizona, to the extent such amounts are separately identified as such fees and taxes and are billed to the lessee.
- 2. Leases or rentals of tangible personal property which, if it had been purchased instead of leased or rented by the lessee, would have been exempt under:
- (a) Section 42-5061, subsection A, paragraph 8, 9, 12, 13, or 25, 29 OR 51.
- Section 42-5061, subsection B, except that a lease or rental of new machinery or equipment is not exempt pursuant to section 42-5061, subsection B, paragraph 13 if the lease is for less than two years.
 - Section 42-5061, subsection K, paragraph 1.
 - (d) Section 42-5061, subsection 0.
 - (e) Section 42-5061, subsection A, paragraph 51.
- 3. Motor vehicle fuel and use fuel that are subject to a tax imposed under title 28, chapter 16, article 1, sales of use fuel to a holder of a valid single trip use fuel tax permit issued under section 28-5739 and sales of aviation fuel that are subject to the tax imposed under section 28-8344.
- Leasing or renting a motor vehicle subject to and upon which the fee has been paid under title 28, chapter 16, article 4.
- Sales of tangible personal property to be leased or rented to a person engaged in a business classified under the personal property rental classification are deemed to be resale sales.
- In computing the tax base, the gross proceeds of sales or gross income from the lease or rental of a motor vehicle does not include any amount attributable to the car rental surcharge under section 28-5810 or 48-4234.
- renting animals for December 31, 1988, leasing or Until Ε. recreational purposes is exempt from the tax imposed by this section. Beginning January 1, 1989, the gross proceeds or gross income from leasing or renting animals for recreational purposes is subject to taxation under Tax liabilities, penalties and interest paid for taxable this section. periods before January 1, 1989 shall not be refunded unless the taxpayer requesting the refund provides proof satisfactory to the department that the 45 monies raid as taxes will be returned to the customer.

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Sec. 17. Section 42-5156, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-5156. <u>Tangible personal property provided under a service</u> contract or warranty; definition

- A. The tax imposed by section 42-5155 shall be levied and collected at an amount equal to five AND SIX-TENTHS per cent of the cost of the tangible personal property provided under the conditions of a warranty or service contract.
- B. Every person storing, using or otherwise consuming in this state tangible personal property provided under the conditions of a warranty or service contract is liable for the tax. Such person's liability is not extinguished until the tax has been paid to this state, except that a receipt from a retailer maintaining a place of business in this state or from a retailer who is authorized by the department to collect the tax, under such rules as it may prescribe, and who is for the purposes of this article regarded as a retailer maintaining a place of business in this state, given to the purchaser in accordance with the provisions of section 42-5161 is sufficient to relieve the purchaser from further liability for the tax imposed upon the tangible personal property to which the receipt refers.
- C. For the purpose of this section, "cost" means the cost of the tangible personal property to the provider of the warranty or contract.
- Sec. 18. Section 42-5159, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2001, chapter 137, section 2, chapter 287, section 92 and chapter 314, section 3, is amended to read:

42-5159. Exemptions

- A. The tax levied by this article does not apply to the storage, use or consumption in this state of the following described tangible personal property:
- 1. Tangible personal property sold in this state, the gross receipts from the sale of which are included in the measure of the tax imposed by articles 1 and 2 of this chapter.
- 2. Tangible personal property the sale or use of which has already been subjected to an excise tax at a rate equal to or exceeding the tax imposed by this article under the laws of another state of the United States. If the excise tax imposed by the other state is at a rate less than the tax imposed by this article, the tax imposed by this article is reduced by the amount of the tax already imposed by the other state.
- 3. Tangible personal property, the storage, use or consumption of which the constitution or laws of the United States prohibit this state from taxing OR TO THE EXTENT THAT THE RATE OR IMPOSITION OF TAX IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.
- 4. Tangible personal property which directly enters into and becomes an ingredient or component part of any manufactured, fabricated or processed article, substance or commodity for sale in the regular course of business.

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- 5. Motor vehicle fuel and use fuel, the sales, distribution or use of which in this state is subject to the tax imposed under the provisions of title 28, chapter 16, article 1, use fuel which is sold to or used by a person holding a valid single trip use fuel tax permit issued under section 28-5739, aviation fuel, the sales, distribution or use of which in this state is subject to the tax imposed under section 28-8344, and jet fuel, the sales, distribution or use of which in this state is subject to the tax imposed under article 8 of this chapter.
- 6. Tangible personal property brought into this state by an individual who was a nonresident at the time the property was purchased for storage, use or consumption by the individual if the first actual use or consumption of the property was outside this state, unless the property is used in conducting a business in this state.
- 7. Purchases of implants used as growth promotants and injectable medicines, not already exempt under paragraph 16 of this subsection, for livestock and poultry owned by, or in possession of, persons who are engaged in producing livestock, poultry, or livestock or poultry products, or who are engaged in feeding livestock or poultry commercially. For purposes of this paragraph, "poultry" includes ratites.
- 8. Livestock, poultry, supplies, feed, salts, vitamins and other additives for use or consumption in the businesses of farming, ranching and feeding livestock or poultry, not including fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides. For purposes of this paragraph, "poultry" includes ratites.
- 9. Seeds, seedlings, roots, bulbs, cuttings and other propagative material for use in commercially producing agricultural, horticultural, viticultural or floricultural crops in this state.
- 10. Tangible personal property not exceeding two hundred dollars in any one month purchased by an individual at retail outside the continental limits of the United States for the individual's own personal use and enjoyment.
- 11. Advertising supplements which are intended for sale with newspapers published in this state and which have already been subjected to an excise tax under the laws of another state in the United States which equals or exceeds the tax imposed by this article.
- 12. Materials that are purchased by or for publicly funded libraries including school district libraries, charter school libraries, community college libraries, state university libraries or federal, state, county or municipal libraries for use by the public as follows:
 - (a) Printed or photographic materials, beginning August 7, 1985.
 - (b) Electronic or digital media materials, beginning July 17, 1994.
 - 13. Tangible personal property purchased by:
- (a) A hospital organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
 - (δ) A hospital operated by this state or a political subdivision of this state.

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- (c) A licensed nursing care institution or a licensed residential care institution or a residential care facility operated in conjunction with a licensed nursing care institution or a licensed kidney dialysis center, which provides medical services, nursing services or health related services and is not used or held for profit.
- (d) A qualifying health care organization, as defined in section 42-5001, if the tangible personal property is used by the organization solely to provide health and medical related educational and charitable services.
- (e) A qualifying health care organization as defined in section 42-5001 if the organization is dedicated to providing educational, therapeutic, rehabilitative and family medical education training for blind, visually impaired and multihandicapped children from the time of birth to age twenty-one.
- (f) A nonprofit charitable organization that has qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the United States internal revenue code and that engages in and uses such property exclusively for training, job placement or rehabilitation programs or testing for mentally or physically handicapped persons.
- (g) A person that is subject to tax under article 1 of this chapter by reason of being engaged in business classified under the prime contracting classification under section 42-5075, or a subcontractor working under the control of a prime contractor, if the tangible personal property is any of the following:
- (i) Incorporated or fabricated by the contractor into a structure, project, development or improvement in fulfillment of a contract.
- (ii) Used in environmental response or remediation activities under section 42-5075, subsection B, paragraph 6.
- (iii) Incorporated or fabricated by the person into any lake facility development in a commercial enhancement reuse district under conditions prescribed for the deduction allowed by section 42-5075, subsection B, paragraph 8.
- (h) A nonprofit charitable organization that has qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code if the property is purchased from the parent or an affiliate organization that is located outside this state.
- (i) A qualifying community health center as defined in section 42-5001.
- (j) A nonprofit charitable organization that has qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code and that regularly serves meals to the needy and indigent on a continuing basis at no cost.
- (k) A person engaged in business under the transient lodging classification if the property is a personal hygiene product ITEM or articles used by human beings for food, drink or condiment, except alcoholic beverages, which are furnished without additional charge to and intended to be consumed by the transient during the transient's occupancy.

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- (1) For taxable periods beginning from and after June 30, 2001, a nonprofit charitable organization that has qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code and that provides residential apartment housing for low income persons over sixty-two years of age in a facility that qualifies for a federal housing subsidy, if the tangible personal property is used by the organization solely to provide residential apartment housing for low income persons over sixty-two years of age in a facility that qualifies for a federal housing subsidy.
- Commodities, as defined by title 7 United States Code section 2, that are consigned for resale in a warehouse in this state in or from which the commodity is deliverable on a contract for future delivery subject to the rules of a commodity market regulated by the United States commodity futures trading commission.
 - 15. Tangible personal property sold by:
- (a) Any nonprofit organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and recognized by the United States internal revenue service under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code.
- (b) A nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) of the internal revenue code if the organization is associated with a major league baseball team or a national touring professional golfing association and no part of the organization's net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
- (c) A nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6), 501(c)(7) or 501(c)(8) of the internal revenue code if the organization sponsors or operates a rodeo featuring primarily farm and ranch animals and no part of the organization's net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
- Drugs and medical oxygen, including delivery hose, mask or tent, regulator and tank, on the prescription of a member of the medical, dental or veterinarian profession who is licensed by law to administer such substances.
- Prosthetic appliances, as defined in section 23-501, prescribed or 17. licensed, registered or recommended by a person who is professionally credentialed as а physician, dentist, podiatrist, chiropractor, naturopath, homeopath, nurse or optometrist.
 - Prescription eyeglasses and contact lenses.
 - Insulin, insulin syringes and glucose test strips. 19.
 - 20. Hearing aids as defined in section 36-1901.
- Durable medical equipment which has a federal health care financing administration CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES common procedure code, is designated reimbursable by medicare, is prescribed by a person who is licensed under title 32, chapter 7, 13, 17 or 29, can withstand repeated use, is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, is generally not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury and is 45 / appropriate for use in the home.

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22. Food, as provided in and subject to the conditions of article 3 of this chapter and section 42-5074.

- 23. Items purchased with United States department of agriculture food stamp coupons issued under the food stamp act of 1977 (P.L. 95–113; 91 Stat. 958) or food instruments issued under section 17 of the child nutrition act (P.L. 95-627; 92 Stat. 3603; P.L. 99-661, section 4302; 42 United States Code section 1786).
- Food and drink provided without monetary charge by a taxpayer which is subject to section 42-5074 to its employees for their own consumption on the premises during the employees' hours of employment.
- Tangible personal property that is used or consumed in a business subject to section 42–5074 for human food, drink or condiment, whether simple, mixed or compounded.
- 26. Food, drink or condiment and accessory tangible personal property if they are to be prepared and served to persons for consumption on the premises of a public school in a school district during school hours.
- 27. Lottery tickets or shares purchased pursuant to title 5, chapter 5, article 1.
- 28. Textbooks, sold by a bookstore, that are required by any state university or community college.
- 29. Magazines, other periodicals or other publications produced by this state to encourage tourist travel.
- Paper machine clothing, such as forming fabrics and dryer felts, purchased by a paper manufacturer and directly used or consumed in paper manufacturing.
- 31. Coal, petroleum, coke, natural gas, virgin fuel oil and electricity purchased by a qualified environmental technology manufacturer, producer or processor as defined in section 41-1514.02 and directly used or consumed in the generation or provision of on-site power or energy solely for producing environmental technology manufacturing, or processing or This paragraph shall apply for fifteen full environmental protection. consecutive calendar or fiscal years from the date the first paper manufacturing machine is placed in service. In the case of an environmental technology manufacturer, producer or processor who does not manufacture paper, the time period shall begin with the date the first manufacturing. processing or production equipment is placed in service.
- 32. Motor vehicles that are removed from inventory by a motor vehicle dealer as defined in section 28-4301 and that are provided to:
- (a) Charitable or educational institutions that are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code.
 - (b) Public educational institutions.
- (c) State universities or affiliated organizations of a state university if no part of the organization's net earnings inures to the 44 sebenefit of any private shareholder or individual.

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33. Natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas used to propel a motor vehicle.

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- 34. Machinery, equipment, technology or related supplies that are only useful to assist a person who is physically disabled as defined in section 46-191, has a developmental disability as defined in section 36-551 or has a head injury as defined in section 41-3201 to be more independent and functional.
- 35. Liquid, solid or gaseous chemicals used in manufacturing, processing, fabricating, mining, refining, metallurgical operations, research and development and, beginning on January 1, 1999, printing, if using or consuming the chemicals, alone or as part of an integrated system of chemicals, involves direct contact with the materials from which the product is produced for the purpose of causing or permitting a chemical or physical change to occur in the materials as part of the production process. This paragraph does not include chemicals that are used or consumed in activities such as packaging, storage or transportation but does not affect any exemption for such chemicals that is otherwise provided by this section. For purposes of this paragraph "printing" means a commercial printing operation and includes job printing, engraving, embossing, copying and bookbinding.
- 36. Food, drink and condiment purchased for consumption within the premises of any prison, jail or other institution under the jurisdiction of the state department of corrections, the department of public safety, the department of juvenile corrections or a county sheriff.
- 37. A motor vehicle and any repair and replacement parts and tangible personal property becoming a part of such motor vehicle sold to a motor carrier who is subject to a fee prescribed in title 28, chapter 16, article 4 and who is engaged in the business of leasing or renting such property.
- 38. Tangible personal property which is or directly enters into and becomes an ingredient or component part of cards used as prescription plan identification cards.
- 39. Overhead materials or other tangible personal property that is used in performing a contract between the United States government and a manufacturer, modifier, assembler or repairer, including property used in performing a subcontract with a government contractor who is a manufacturer, modifier, assembler or repairer, to which title passes to the government under the terms of the contract or subcontract. For purposes of this paragraph:
- (a) "Overhead materials" means tangible personal property, the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from which would otherwise be included in the retail classification, and which are used or consumed in the performance of a contract, the cost of which is charged to an overhead expense account and allocated to various contracts based upon generally accepted accounting principles and consistent with government contract accounting standards.

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- (b) "Subcontract" means an agreement between a contractor and any person who is not an employee of the contractor for furnishing of supplies or services that, in whole or in part, are necessary to the performance of one or more government contracts, or under which any portion of the contractor's obligation under one or more government contracts is performed, undertaken or assumed, and that includes provisions causing title to overhead materials or other tangible personal property used in the performance of the subcontract to pass to the government or that includes provisions incorporating such title passing clauses in a government contract into the subcontract.
- 40. Through December 31, 1994, tangible personal property sold pursuant to a personal property liquidation transaction, as defined in section 42-5061. From and after December 31, 1994, tangible personal property sold pursuant to a personal property liquidation transaction, as defined in section 42-5061, if the gross proceeds of the sales were included in the measure of the tax imposed by article 1 of this chapter or if the personal property liquidation was a casual activity or transaction.
- 41. Wireless telecommunications equipment that is held for sale or transfer to a customer as an inducement to enter into or continue a contract for telecommunications services that are taxable under section 42-5064.
- 42. Alternative fuel, as defined in section 1-215, purchased by a used oil fuel burner who has received a permit to burn used oil or used oil fuel under section 49-426 or 49-480.
- 43. Tangible personal property purchased by a commercial airline and consisting of food, beverages and condiments and accessories used for serving the food and beverages, if those items are to be provided without additional charge to passengers for consumption in flight. For purposes of this paragraph, "commercial airline" means a person holding a federal certificate of public convenience and necessity or foreign air carrier permit for air transportation to transport persons, property or United States mail in intrastate, interstate or foreign commerce.
- 44. Alternative fuel vehicles, as defined in section 43-1086, if the vehicle was manufactured as a diesel fuel vehicle and converted to operate on alternative fuel and equipment that is installed in a conventional diesel fuel motor vehicle to convert the vehicle to operate on an alternative fuel, as defined in section 1-215.
- 45. Gas diverted from a pipeline, by a person engaged in the business of operating a natural or artificial gas pipeline, and used or consumed for the sole purpose of fueling compressor equipment that pressurizes the pipeline.
- 46. Tangible personal property that is excluded, exempt or deductible from transaction privilege tax pursuant to section 42-5063.
- 47. Tangible personal property purchased to be incorporated or installed as part of environmental response or remediation activities under section 42-5075, subsection 8, paragraph 6.

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- Sales of Tangible personal property SOLD by a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(6) of the internal revenue code if the organization produces, organizes or promotes cultural or civic related festivals or events and no part of the organization's net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
- In addition to the exemptions allowed by subsection A of this В. section, the following categories of tangible personal property are also exempt:
- Machinery, or equipment, used directly in manufacturing, 1. processing, fabricating, job printing, refining or metallurgical operations. The terms "manufacturing", "processing", "fabricating", "job printing", "refining" and "metallurgical" as used in this paragraph refer to and include those operations commonly understood within their ordinary meaning. includes leaching, milling, "Metallurgical operations" precipitating, smelting and refining.
- 2. Machinery, or equipment, used directly in the process of extracting ores or minerals from the earth for commercial purposes, including equipment required to prepare the materials for extraction and handling, loading or transporting such extracted material to the surface. "Mining" includes underground, surface and open pit operations for extracting ores and minerals.
- 3. Tangible personal property sold to persons engaged in business classified under the telecommunications classification under section 42-5064 and consisting of central office switching equipment, switchboards, private branch exchange equipment, microwave radio equipment and carrier equipment including optical fiber, coaxial cable and other transmission media which are components of carrier systems.
- 4. Machinery, equipment or transmission lines used directly in producing or transmitting electrical power, but not including distribution. Transformers and control equipment used at transmission substation sites constitute equipment used in producing or transmitting electrical power.
- Neat animals, horses, asses, sheep, ratites, swine or goats used or to be used as breeding or production stock, including sales of breedings or ownership shares in such animals used for breeding or production.
- 6. Pipes or valves four inches in diameter or larger used to transport oil, natural gas, artificial gas, water or coal slurry, including compressor units, regulators, machinery and equipment, fittings, seals and any other part that is used in operating the pipes or valves.
- 7. Aircraft, navigational and communication instruments and other accessories and related equipment sold to:
- γ_{f} (a) A person holding a federal certificate of public convenience and necessity, a supplemental air carrier certificate under federal aviation regulations (14 Code of Federal Regulations part 121) or a foreign air 45 Carrier permit for air transportation for use as or in conjunction with or

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becoming a part of aircraft to be used to transport persons, property or United States mail in intrastate, interstate or foreign commerce.

- (b) Any foreign government for use by such government outside of this state, or sold to persons who are not residents of this state and who will not use such property in this state other than in removing such property from this state.
- 8. Machinery, tools, equipment and related supplies used or consumed directly in repairing, remodeling or maintaining aircraft, aircraft engines or aircraft component parts by or on behalf of a certificated or licensed carrier of persons or property.
- 9. Rolling stock, rails, ties and signal control equipment used directly to transport persons or property.
- 10. Machinery or equipment used directly to drill for oil or gas or used directly in the process of extracting oil or gas from the earth for commercial purposes.
- 11. Buses or other urban mass transit vehicles which are used directly to transport persons or property for hire or pursuant to a governmentally adopted and controlled urban mass transportation program and which are sold to bus companies holding a federal certificate of convenience and necessity or operated by any city, town or other governmental entity or by any person contracting with such governmental entity as part of a governmentally adopted and controlled program to provide urban mass transportation.
 - 12. Groundwater measuring devices required under section 45-604.
- 13. New machinery and equipment consisting of tractors, tractor-drawn implements, self-powered implements, machinery and equipment that are necessary for extracting milk, and MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY for cooling milk and livestock, and drip irrigation lines not already exempt under paragraph 6 of this subsection and THAT ARE used for commercial production of agricultural, horticultural, viticultural and floricultural crops and products in this state. In this paragraph:
- (a) "New machinery and equipment" means machinery or equipment which has never been sold at retail except pursuant to leases or rentals which do not total two years or more.
- (b) "Self-powered implements" includes machinery and equipment that are electric-powered.
- 14. Machinery or equipment used in research and development. In this paragraph, "research and development" means basic and applied research in the sciences and engineering, and designing, developing or testing prototypes, processes or new products, including research and development of computer software that is embedded in or an integral part of the prototype or new product or that is required for machinery or equipment otherwise exempt under this section to function effectively. Research and development do not include manufacturing quality control, routine consumer product testing, market research, sales promotion, sales service, research in social sciences or psychology, computer software research that is not included in the

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definition of research and development, or other nontechnological activities or technical services.

- 15. Machinery and equipment that are purchased by or on behalf of the owners of a soundstage complex and primarily used for motion picture, multimedia or interactive video production in the complex. This paragraph applies only if the initial construction of the soundstage complex begins after June 30, 1996 and before January 1, 2002 and the machinery and equipment are purchased before the expiration of five years after the start of initial construction. For purposes of this paragraph:
- (a) "Motion picture, multimedia or interactive video production" includes products for theatrical and television release, educational presentations, electronic retailing, documentaries, music videos, industrial films, CD-ROM, video game production, commercial advertising and television episode production and other genres that are introduced through developing technology.
- "Soundstage complex" means a facility of multiple stages including (b) production offices, construction shops and related areas, prop and costume shops, storage areas, parking for production vehicles and areas that are leased to businesses that complement the production needs and orientation of the overall facility.
- 16. Tangible personal property that is used by either of the following to receive, store, convert, produce, generate, decode, encode, control or transmit telecommunications information:
- (a) Any direct broadcast satellite television or data transmission service that operates pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations parts 25 and 100.
- (b) Any satellite television or data transmission facility, if both of the following conditions are met:
- (i) Over two-thirds of the transmissions, measured in megabytes, transmitted by the facility during the test period were transmitted to or on behalf of one or more direct broadcast satellite television or data transmission services that operate pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations parts 25 and 100.
- (ii) Over two-thirds of the transmissions, measured in megabytes, transmitted by or on behalf of those direct broadcast television or data transmission services during the test period were transmitted by the facility to or on behalf of those services.
- For purposes of subdivision (b) of this paragraph, "test period" means the three hundred sixty-five day period beginning on the later of the date on which the tangible personal property is purchased or the date on which the direct broadcast satellite television or data transmission service first transmits information to its customers.
- 17. Clean rooms that are used for manufacturing, processing, 344% fabrication or research and development, as defined in paragraph 14 of this subsection, of semiconductor products. For purposes of this paragraph,

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"clean room" means all property that comprises or creates an environment where humidity, temperature, particulate matter and contamination are precisely controlled within specified parameters, without regard to whether the property is actually contained within that environment or whether any of the property is affixed to or incorporated into real property. Clean room:

- (a) Includes the integrated systems, fixtures, piping, movable partitions, lighting and all property that is necessary or adapted to reduce contamination or to control airflow, temperature, humidity, chemical purity or other environmental conditions or manufacturing tolerances, as well as the production machinery and equipment operating in conjunction with the clean room environment.
- (b) Does not include the building or other permanent, nonremovable component of the building that houses the clean room environment.
- 18. Machinery and equipment that are used directly in the feeding of poultry, the environmental control of housing for poultry, the movement of eggs within a production and packaging facility or the sorting or cooling of eggs. This exemption does not apply to vehicles used for transporting eggs.
- 19. Machinery or equipment, including related structural components, that is employed in connection with manufacturing, processing, fabricating, job printing, refining, mining, natural gas pipelines, metallurgical operations, telecommunications, producing or transmitting electricity or research and development and that is used directly to meet or exceed rules or regulations adopted by the federal energy regulatory commission, the United States environmental protection agency, the United States nuclear regulatory commission, the Arizona department of environmental quality or a political subdivision of this state to prevent, monitor, control or reduce land, water or air pollution.
- 20. Machinery and equipment that are used in the commercial production of livestock, livestock products or agricultural, horticultural, viticultural or floricultural crops or products in this state and that are used directly and primarily to prevent, monitor, control or reduce air, water or land pollution.
- 21. Machinery or equipment that enables a television station to originate and broadcast or to receive and broadcast digital television signals and that was purchased to facilitate compliance with the telecommunications act of 1996 (P.L. 104-104; 110 Stat. 56; 47 United States Code section 336) and the federal communications commission order issued April 21, 1997 (47 Code of Federal Regulations part 73). This paragraph does not exempt any of the following:
- (a) Repair or replacement parts purchased for the machinery or equipment described in this paragraph.
- (b) Machinery or equipment purchased to replace machinery or equipment for which an exemption was previously claimed and taken under this paragraph.

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- (c) Any machinery or equipment purchased after the television station has ceased analog broadcasting, or purchased after November 1, 2009, whichever occurs first.
- C. The exemptions provided by subsection B of this section do not include:
- 1. Expendable materials. For purposes of this paragraph, expendable materials do not include any of the categories of tangible personal property specified in subsection B of this section regardless of the cost or useful life of that property.
 - 2. Janitorial equipment and hand tools.
 - 3. Office equipment, furniture and supplies.
- 4. Tangible personal property used in selling or distributing activities, other than the telecommunications transmissions described in subsection B, paragraph 16 of this section.
- 5. Motor vehicles required to be licensed by this state, except buses or other urban mass transit vehicles specifically exempted pursuant to subsection B, paragraph 11 of this section, without regard to the use of such motor vehicles.
- 6. Shops, buildings, docks, depots and all other materials of whatever kind or character not specifically included as exempt.
 - 7. Motors and pumps used in drip irrigation systems.
- D. The following shall be deducted in computing the purchase price of electricity by a retail electric customer from a utility business:
- 1. Revenues received from sales of ancillary services, electric distribution services, electric generation services, electric transmission services and other services related to providing electricity to a retail electric customer who is located outside this state for use outside this state if the electricity is delivered to a point of sale outside this state.
- 2. Revenues received from providing electricity, including ancillary services, electric distribution services, electric generation services, electric transmission services and other services related to providing electricity with respect to which the transaction privilege tax imposed under section 42-5063 has been paid.
 - E. The tax levied by this article does not apply to:
- 1. The storage, use or consumption in Arizona of machinery, equipment, materials or other tangible personal property if used directly and predominantly to construct a qualified environmental technology manufacturing, producing or processing facility, as described in section 41-1514.02. This paragraph applies for ten full consecutive calendar or fiscal years after the start of initial construction.
- 2. The purchase of electricity by a qualified environmental technology manufacturer, producer or processor as defined in section 41-1514.02 that is used directly in environmental technology manufacturing, producing or processing. This paragraph shall apply for fifteen full consecutive calendar or fiscal years from the date the first paper manufacturing machine is placed

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In the case of an environmental technology manufacturer, producer or processor who does not manufacture paper, the time period shall begin with the date the first manufacturing, processing or production equipment is placed in service.

- F. The following shall be deducted in computing the purchase price of electricity by a retail electric customer from a utility business:
- 1. Fees charged by a municipally owned utility to persons constructing residential, commercial or industrial developments or connecting residential, commercial or industrial developments to a municipal utility system or systems if the fees are segregated and used only for capital expansion, system enlargement or debt service of the utility system or systems.
- 2. Reimbursement or contribution compensation to any person or persons owning a utility system for property and equipment installed to provide utility access to, on or across the land of an actual utility consumer if the property and equipment become the property of the utility. This deduction shall not exceed the value of such property and equipment.
 - For the purposes of subsection B of this section:
 - "Aircraft" includes:
- (a) An airplane flight simulator that is approved by the federal aviation administration for use as a phase II or higher flight simulator under appendix H, 14 Code of Federal Regulations part 121.
- (b) Tangible personal property that is permanently affixed or attached as a component part of an aircraft that is owned or operated by a certificated or licensed carrier of persons or property.
- "Other accessories and related equipment" includes aircraft accessories and equipment such as ground service equipment that physically contact aircraft at some point during the overall carrier operation.
- H. For purposes of subsection D of this section, "ancillary services", "electric distribution service", "electric generation service", "electric transmission service" and "other services" have the same meanings prescribed by section 42-5063.

Sec. 19. Repeal

Section 42-5159, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2001, chapter 115, section 14, is repealed.

Sec. 20. Section 42-5160, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-5160. Liability for tax

Any person who uses, stores or consumes any tangible personal property upon which a tax is imposed by this article and upon which the tax has not been collected by a registered retailer OR UTILITY BUSINESS shall pay the tax as provided by this article, but every retailer OR UTILITY BUSINESS maintaining a place of business in this state and making sales of tangible personal property for storage, use or other consumption in this state, unless exempt by the provisions of this article, shall at the time of making the 45 Psales collect the tax from the purchaser or user.

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Sec. 21. Section 42-6001, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-6001. Collection and administration of transaction privilege tax and affiliated excise taxes; coordinated licensing, collection and audit functions

- A. The department may collect and administer any transaction privilege license tax or use tax AND AFFILIATED EXCISE TAXES, INCLUDING USE TAX, SEVERANCE TAX, JET FUEL EXCISE AND USE TAX, AND RENTAL OCCUPANCY TAX, imposed by any city or town, and the department and any city or town may enter into intergovernmental contracts or agreements to provide a uniform method of administration, collection, audit and licensing of transaction privilege license taxes and use AND AFFILIATED EXCISE taxes imposed by the state or cities or towns pursuant to title 11, chapter 7, article 3.
- B. The director may enter into agreements with cities and towns of this state which levy transaction privilege AND AFFILIATED EXCISE taxes to provide for unified or coordinated licensing, collection and auditing programs for such taxes levied by cities and towns and taxes levied pursuant to chapter 5 of this title. Such cities and towns may enter into agreements with the department to provide for unified or coordinated licensing, collection and auditing programs for such transaction privilege AND AFFILIATED EXCISE taxes levied by such cities and towns and for taxes levied pursuant to chapter 5 of this title.
- C. The director shall establish with such cities and towns a uniform licensing, collection and audit committee to direct such unified or coordinated functions.
- Sec. 22. Section 42-6002, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-6002. <u>Procedures for collection and enforcement applicable</u> to cities and towns

The procedures for levy, collection and enforcement of payment of transaction privilege taxes AND AFFILIATED EXCISE TAXES, INCLUDING USE TAX, SEVERANCE TAX, JET FUEL EXCISE AND USE TAX, AND RENTAL OCCUPANCY TAX, levied by a city or town by such city or town shall be in the same manner as authorized by chapter 5 of this title unless otherwise provided by the ordinance of such city or town. The department, when acting on behalf of a city or town in levying and collecting transaction privilege AND AFFILIATED taxes for such city or town, shall utilize the procedures for levying, collecting and enforcing the payment of such taxes on behalf of a city or town.

Sec. 23. Section 42-11102, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-11102. Exemption for government property; application of procedural provisions

A. Federal, state, county and municipal property is exempt from taxation, including:

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- 1. Property that is owned by a nonprofit organization but is used by this state or a political subdivision during the entire tax year exclusively for a governmental activity.
- 2. Property that is the subject of a lease-purchase agreement that is authorized by law in which this state or a political subdivision is the lessee-purchaser and the property is used by this state or a political subdivision during the entire taxable year exclusively for a governmental activity.
- 3. Improvements that are placed on public lands held under grazing permits, the title to which passes to the federal government.
- B. Article 4 of this chapter does not apply to the exemption from taxation for federal, state, county and municipal property.
- Notwithstanding subsection A of this section relating to state property, property that is owned by the Arizona state retirement system, the corrections officer retirement plan, the public safety personnel retirement system or the elected officials' retirement plan, that is not used during the entire taxable year exclusively for a governmental activity and that is acquired either by foreclosure of an authorized investment or for the purposes of producing income for the system or plan is subject to either a government property lease tax under chapter 6, article 5 of this title or, if a government property lease tax is not paid or is not economically feasible, to voluntary contributions of money to the county, municipality, school district, community college district and any other special taxing district in which the property is located in lieu of taxes otherwise levied by those entities. The system or plan may not continue to hold title to the property as an authorized investment under title 38 unless a tax or voluntary contribution is paid pursuant to this subsection. On or before April 1 of each year the plan or system shall notify the county assessor of the county in which the property is located whether a government property lease tax or voluntary contribution will be paid. If a tax is not economically feasible, the county assessor may require the plan or system to pay voluntary contributions. If the system or plan pays a voluntary contribution:
- 1. The assessor shall determine the full cash value of the property at market value and shall transmit that determination to the board of supervisors on or before the third Monday in June.
- 2. On or before the third Monday FRIDAY in August SEPTEMBER the assessor shall compute the contribution to be made based on the determined valuation using the method of assessment applied in assessing ad valorem taxes of properties of similar character and devoted to the same use in the county for the current tax year.
 - 3. The assessor shall:
- (a) Submit the computation of the contribution to the board of supervisors at the same time that the assessor submits the assessment roll.
- 24: (b) Notify the county school superintendent of the amount of the 45% contribution.

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- 4. The plan or system shall pay one-half of the amount determined not later than the first Monday in November and the other one-half not later than the first Monday in May of the next year.
- 5. The county treasurer shall distribute the monies received to the various taxing jurisdictions in the same manner as property taxes are distributed.
- 6. Any person, public official or taxing entity that is not satisfied by a determination under this subsection has the same remedies provided by this title or may file a civil action to determine the correct amount due. In any such action the only issue shall be the correctness of the computation of the amount due.
- Sec. 24. Section 42-11127, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-11127. Exemption for commercial and agricultural personal property; definition

- A. Pursuant to article IX, section 2, subsection (6), Constitution of Arizona, personal property that is class two property pursuant to section 42-12002, paragraph 2, subdivisions (a) and (b) used for agricultural purposes or that is class one property pursuant to section 42-12001 used in a trade or business as described by section 42-12001, paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 12 THROUGH 11 and 13 is exempt from taxation up to a maximum amount of fifty thousand dollars of full cash value of each assessment account.
- B. The exemption under subsection A of this section is allowed for all of the following one time each year, regardless of the number of business locations or places where the person is leasing the property:
- 1. A person who owns business or agricultural personal property and who is in the business of leasing the personal property in more than one location in this state.
- 2. A person whose business personal property is valued by the department and is classified as class one property as described by section 42-12001, paragraph 11.
- 3. Businesses that report equipment for which the leasing activity is incidental to their primary business.
- C. On or before December 31 of each year, the department shall increase the maximum amount of the exemption for the following tax year based on the average annual percentage increase, if any, in the GDP price deflator for the two most recent complete state fiscal years.
- D. For purposes of this section and article IX, section 2, subsection (6), Constitution of Arizona, an assessment account is considered to be a taxpayer.
- E. In this section, "GDP price deflator" means the average of the four implicit price deflators for the gross domestic product reported by the United States department of commerce or its successor for the four quarters of the state fiscal year.

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Sec. 25. Section 42-11128, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-11128. Exemption for personal property in transit: violation; classification

- A. The following personal property has no situs in this state and is exempt from taxation:
- 1. Personal property moving through this state to a final destination outside this state.
- 2. Personal property consigned to a warehouse in this state from a point outside this state for storage or assembly in transit to a final destination outside this state.
- B. Property that is claimed to have no situs in this state for the purposes of taxation shall be entered in the records of the warehouse in which it is located as property in transit or futures contract property. The record shall include:
 - 1. The date of receipt.
 - 2. The date of withdrawal.
 - The point of origin.
 - 4. The point of ultimate destination, if known.
- C. The record of property shall be open at all times to inspection by the department or the taxing authority of a political subdivision of this state.
- D. A person who files a claim for exemption of property in transit shall do so on a form and in the manner the department prescribes and shall include a certificate of the operator of the warehouse in which the property is located stating that the property is entered in the warehouse records as property in transit.
- E. The owner or operator of a warehouse in or from which commodities that are exempt under subsection A, paragraph 3 SECTION 42-11122 are deliverable shall file an affidavit with the county assessor between the first Monday in January and March 1 of each year stating that the property in the warehouse is futures contract property. The assessor may require additional evidence of the facts stated by the affidavit, but when the assessor accepts the affidavit as complete and correct, the commodities that are stored or consigned in the warehouse are considered to be exempt from taxation for the tax year under subsection A, paragraph 3 SECTION 42-11122.
- F. A person who knowingly makes a false statement in any document submitted under this section to an officer who is charged with assessing property for tax purposes is guilty of a class 6 felony.
- Sec. 26. Section 42-11153, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-11153. Deadline for filing affidavit

A. Except as provided in section 42-11109, subsection B AND SECTION 42-11110, SUBSECTION B, a failure by a taxpayer who is entitled to an exemption to make an affidavit or furnish evidence required by this article

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between the first Monday in January and March 1 of each year constitutes a waiver of the exemption.

B. If a widow, widower or disabled person whose property is exempt from tax under section 42-11111, or an organization that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) of the internal revenue code and is exempt from property tax under article 3 of this chapter, submits a petition after the deadlines prescribed by subsection A of this section, the person or organization may have the waiver redeemed by the county board of supervisors at any regular meeting, except that no taxes that were due and payable before the petition was submitted may be refunded or abated.

Sec. 27. Repeal

Sections 42-13103 and 42-13104, Arizona Revised Statutes, are repealed. Sec. 28. Title 42, chapter 14, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 42-14006, to read:

42-14006. <u>Signatures for documents; alternative methods;</u> definition

THE DEPARTMENT MAY PRESCRIBE BY ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR SIGNING, SUBSCRIBING OR VERIFYING ANY REPORT OR STATEMENT REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE THAT HAVE THE SAME VALIDITY AND CONSEQUENCE AS THE ACTUAL SIGNATURE OR WRITTEN DECLARATION OF THE TAXPAYER OR OTHER PERSON REQUIRED TO SIGN, SUBSCRIBE OR VERIFY THE RETURN, STATEMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT. WHILE THE DEPARTMENT IS ADOPTING A RULE PRESCRIBING ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR SIGNING, SUBSCRIBING OR VERIFYING ANY REPORT OR STATEMENT REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, THE DIRECTOR, BY TAX RULING, MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT OF A SIGNATURE FOR A PARTICULAR TYPE OR CLASS OF ANY REPORT OR STATEMENT REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "TAX RULING" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 42-2052.

Sec. 29. Section 42-14152, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-14152. Annual report for determining valuation; failure to file; penalty; forfeiture of appeal rights

- A. Except as provided by section 42-14155, on or before April 1 of each year each company that is valued pursuant to this article shall file a report with the department, under oath, stating the information that the department requires to enable it to make a valuation of the company PROPERTY. ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAIL TO EACH COMPANY THE FORMS FOR FILING THE REPORT.
- B. On written request and for good cause shown, the director may extend the time for filing the report required by this section.
- C. If a company fails to file the report on or before April 1 of the valuation year, or the extended due date if an extension is granted, the départment shall:

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- 1. Estimate the value of the property based on one hundred five per cent of the preceding year's full cash value or on any information that is available to the department.
 - 2. Also assess a penalty in the amount of the lesser of:
- (a) One-half of one per cent of the value that is estimated by the department.
- (b) One hundred dollars per day for each day the company fails to file the report beyond the due date.
- D. If the report is not filed by May 20 of the valuation year, the company forfeits its right to appeal the valuation and classification pursuant to section 42-14005.
- Sec. 30. Section 42-15053, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-15053. Duty to report personal property: confidentiality

- A. On or before February 1 of each year, the assessor shall mail a form, notice or demand to each person who owns or has charge or control of taxable personal property in the state. Each person shall prepare and deliver to the assessor a correct report of property on or before April 1 of each year, except for property that is not required to be reported as provided by subsection C of this section. On written request and for good cause shown, the assessor may extend for up to thirty days the time for filing the report.
- B. The duty to report taxable property pursuant to this section applies regardless of whether the person or entity that owns or has charge or control of the personal property also owns real property in the county with a value of two hundred dollars or more.
 - C. The assessor shall not require a report of:
- 1. The breed, number, age or location of livestock on hand from individuals, corporations, partnerships or any other business if the livestock is exempt from taxation pursuant to article IX, section 13, Constitution of Arizona.
- 2. The personal property that is class four TWO (P) property used for agricultural purposes or that is class three ONE, SUBCLASSES 8 THROUGH 11 AND 13 property used in a trade or business that is exempt from taxation pursuant to article IX, section 2, subsection (6), Constitution of Arizona.
- D. Every assessment made against property subject to taxation is valid whether or not the form, notice or demand was sent or received.
- E. The department shall prescribe in detail the contents of property reports including the specific wording to be used by county assessors and the method of reporting property. The report shall not include any question that is not germane to the valuation function.
 - F. A report that is furnished under this section:
- 1. Is not open to public inspection, but the report may be used as evoldence in any prosecution brought under section 42-15055.

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2. May be subject to audit. On completing an audit or on discovering property that has not been reported, any property that was found to have escaped taxation is liable for the amount of taxes due determined under chapter 16, article 6 of this title, plus a penalty equal to ten per cent of that amount.

Sec. 31. Section 42-15057, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-15057. <u>Information from political subdivisions</u>

A. Each city, town, county or other governmental entity that requires that a building permit be issued to construct or add to residential or commercial buildings shall notify the county assessor in writing:

- 1. Of the parcel number for which the permit is issued at the time the permit is issued.
- 2. That the improvements are approved for their intended use at the time the building department makes the final inspection of the improvement.
- B. Within thirty days after receiving building permits from the issuing agency, the county assessor shall transmit a copy of the permit to the department, together with any information that the department may require. If the assessor maintains electronic files containing building permit data, the assessor shall transmit a copy of the electronic file to the department in a format that is compatible with the system used by the department.

Sec. 32. Repeal

Section 42-15064, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed.

Sec. 33. Section 42-19004, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-19004. Property in transit and transient property

- A. Personal property that is in transit through a county shall be assessed in the county where the owner is domiciled, except for transient livestock that is assessed pursuant to section 42-15064.
- B. Transient property that is used in business or commerce in this state shall be assessed in the county where it is found.
- Sec. 34. Section 42-19151, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-19151. Definition of mobile home

In this article, unless the context otherwise requires, "mobile home" means a structure that is transportable in one or more sections including the plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical systems that are contained in the structure and that, when erected on site, is either of the following:

- 1. More than eight body feet in BODY width, thirty-two body feet or more in BODY length and built on a permanent chassis.
- 2. Regardless of the size, used as a single family dwelling or for Commercial purposes with or without a permanent foundation.

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Sec. 35. Section 43-323, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 43-323. Place and form of filing returns

- A. All returns required by this title shall be in such form as the department may from time to time prescribe and shall be filed with the department.
- B. The department shall prescribe a short form return for individual taxpayers who:
- 1. Are eligible and elect to pay tax based on the optional tax tables pursuant to section 43-1012.
- 2. Have dividend and interest income not in excess of four hundred dollars from either of those sources.
- 2. ELECT TO CLAIM THE OPTIONAL STANDARD DEDUCTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-1041.
- 3. Elect not to file for credits against income tax liability other than those contained in section 16-954, subsection B and sections 43-1072, 43-1072.01 and 43-1073.
- 4. Are not required to add any income under section 43-1021 and do not elect any subtractions under section 43-1022, except for the exemptions allowed under section 43-1023.
- C. The department may provide a simplified return form for individual taxpayers who:
- 1. Are eligible and elect to pay tax based on the optional tax tables pursuant to section 43-1012.
 - 2. Are residents for the full taxable year.
- File as single individuals or married couples filing joint returns under section 43-309.
- 4. Are not sixty-five years of age or older or blind AT THE END OF THE TAXABLE YEAR.
- 5. Claim no dependents EXEMPTIONS UNDER SECTION 43-1023 for the taxable year.
- 6. Elect to claim the optional standard deduction under section 43-1041.
- Are not required to add any income under section 43-1021 and do not elect to claim any subtractions under section 43-1022 or file for any credits under chapter 10, article 5 of this title except the credits provided by sections 43-1072, 43-1072.01 and 43-1073.
- Do not elect to contribute a portion of any tax refund as provided by any provision of chapter 6, article 1 of this title. Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 6, article 1 of this title, a simplified return form under this subsection shall not include any space for the taxpayer to so contribute a portion of a refund.
- D. The department shall prepare blank forms for the returns and shall distribute them throughout the state and furnish them upon application. 44 $\frac{2}{12}$ Failure to receive or secure the form does not relieve any taxpayer from making any return required.

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Sec. 36. Section 43-581, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 43-581. Payment of estimated tax; penalty; forms

- A. An individual who is subject to the tax imposed by this title and whose Arizona gross income, as defined by section 43-1001, or as described by section 43-1091 in the case of nonresidents, for the taxable year exceeds seventy-five thousand dollars or one hundred fifty thousand dollars if a joint return is filed and whose Arizona gross income was greater than seventy-five thousand dollars in the preceding taxable year or one hundred fifty thousand dollars in the preceding taxable year if a joint return is filed, shall make payments of estimated tax during the individual's tax year. The amount of the payments of estimated tax shall be an amount which reasonably reflects a taxpayer's Arizona income tax liability which will be unpaid at the end of the taxpayer's tax year. This amount shall be paid in four installments on or before the due dates established by the internal revenue code and shall total, when combined with the taxpayer's withholding tax, at least ninety per cent of the tax due for the current taxable year or one hundred per cent of the tax due for the preceding taxable year.
- B. Any other individual who is subject to the tax imposed by this title may make payments of estimated tax during such individual's tax year. The amount of any payment of estimated tax shall be either:
- 1. If payments of estimated tax are made pursuant to the internal revenue code, ten, fifteen or twenty per cent of the amount paid to the internal revenue service as estimated tax computed pursuant to the internal revenue code and the income tax act of 1954, as amended, to be paid on or before the due dates established by the internal revenue code.
- 2. If no federal estimated tax payments are required to be made, an amount which reasonably reflects a taxpayer's Arizona income tax liability which will be unpaid at the end of such taxpayer's tax year.
- C. The department shall prescribe rules for the payments of estimated tax which shall provide for estimated payments in a manner similar to the manner prescribed in the internal revenue code.
- D. If the taxpayer does not pay the estimated tax required by subsection A of this section on or before the prescribed dates, there is assessed and the department shall collect a penalty upon the unpaid amount as prescribed by section 42-1125, subsection P. No penalties or interest shall be assessed or collected if either of the following applies:
- 1. The estimated tax payments made pursuant to this section are allowable exceptions under the provisions of section 6654 of the internal revenue code.
- 2. The taxpayer's Arizona income tax liability due on the taxpayer's return is less than one thousand dollars. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, "ARIZONA INCOME TAX LIABILITY DUE ON THE TAXPAYER'S RETURN" MEANS THE AMOUNT OF TAX DUE ON THE RETURN MINUS THE AMOUNT OF ARIZONA INCOME TAX WITHHELD, AND TAX CREDITS CLAIMED BY THE TAXPAYER.



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E. The department shall make available suitable forms and instructions to taxpayers who make estimated tax payments pursuant to this article.

Sec. 37. Section 43-1087, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

43-1087. Credit for employment of temporary assistance for needy families recipients

- A. A credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title for net increases in qualified employment by the taxpayer of recipients of temporary assistance for needy families as defined in section 46–101 who are residents of this state. The amount of the credit is equal to the sum of the following:
- 1. One-fourth of the taxable wages paid to aπ EACH employee in a qualified employment position POSITIONS, not to exceed five hundred dollars PER QUALIFIED EMPLOYMENT POSITION, in the first year or partial year of employment. Wages that were subsidized as provided by section 46-299 shall not be included.
- 2. One-third of the taxable wages paid to am EACH employee in a qualified employment position POSITIONS, not to exceed one thousand dollars per qualified employment position, in the second year of continuous employment. Wages that were subsidized as provided by section 46-299 shall not be included.
- 3. One-half of the taxable wages paid to an EACH employee in a qualified employment position POSITIONS, not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars per qualified employment position, in the third year of continuous employment. Wages that were subsidized as provided by section 46-299 shall not be included.
- B. The credit allowed in this section is in lieu of any wage expense deduction taken for state tax purposes.
 - C. To qualify for a credit under this section:
- All of the employees with respect to whom a credit is claimed must reside in this state and must be recipients of temporary assistance for needy families as defined in section 46–101 at the time the employee is hired.
- A qualified employment position must meet all of the following requirements:
 - (a) The position must be classified as full-time employment.
- (b) The employment must include health insurance coverage for the employee if the employer offers this coverage for employees who are not recipients of temporary assistance for needy families.
- (c) The employer must pay compensation at least equal to the minimum wage or a wage comparable to that paid to employees who are not receiving temporary aid ASSISTANCE for needy families based on the employee's training, 42 skills and job classification.
- (d) The employee must have been employed for at least ninety days 44 mduring the first taxable year. An employee who is hired during the last 45 injecty days of the taxable year shall be considered a new employee during the

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next taxable year. Periods for which the employee's wages were subsidized as provided by section 46-299 shall not be included as periods of employment.

- (e) The employee was not employed by the taxpayer within twelve months before the current date of hire.
- (f) The employee position is not eligible for any other employment credit pursuant to this title based on wages paid.
- D. The net increase in the number of qualified employment positions shall be determined by comparing the average number of qualified employment positions during the taxable year with the immediately preceding taxable year based on the taxpayer's report to the department of economic security for unemployment purposes.
- E. If the allowable tax credit exceeds the income taxes otherwise due on the claimant's income, the amount of the claim not used as an offset against income taxes may be carried forward as a tax credit against subsequent years' income tax liability for the period, not to exceed five consecutive taxable years.
- F. Co-owners of a business, including partners in a partnership and shareholders of an S corporation as defined in section 1361 of the internal revenue code, may claim only the pro rata share of the credit allowed under this section based on the ownership interest. The total of the credits allowed all the owners of the business may not exceed the amount that would have been allowed for a sole owner of the business.
- G. The department may adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section.
- Sec. 38. Section 43-1139, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 1999, chapter 190, section 1, is amended to read:
 - 43-1139. Allocation of business income
- A. Except as provided in subsection B OF THIS SECTION, all business income shall be apportioned to this state by multiplying the income by a fraction, the numerator of which is the property factor plus the payroll factor plus two times the sales factor, and the denominator of which is four.
- B. All business income of a taxpayer engaged in air commerce shall be apportioned to this state by multiplying the income by a fraction, the numerator of which is the revenue aircraft miles flown within this state for flights beginning or ending in this state and the denominator of which is the total revenue aircraft miles flown by the taxpayer's aircraft everywhere. This subsection also applies to each member of TAXPAYER, INCLUDING a combined GROUP FILING A COMBINED RETURN or AN affiliated group ELECTING TO FILE A CONSOLIDATED RETURN UNDER SECTION 43-947, if fifty per cent or more of that group's TAXPAYER'S gross income is derived from air commerce. For purposes of this subsection:
- 42 1. "Air commerce" means transporting persons or property for hire by 43 aircraft in interstate, intrastate or international transportation.
 - 2. "Revenue aircraft miles flown" has the same meaning prescribed by the United States department of transportation uniform system of accounts and

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reports for and applies to large certificated air carriers (14 Code of Federal Regulations part 241).

Sec. 39. Repeal

Section 43-1139, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2000, chapter 63, section 11, is repealed.

Sec. 40. Section 43-1175, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

43-1175. <u>Credit for employment of temporary assistance for needy families recipients</u>

- A. A credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title for net increases in qualified employment for BY THE TAXPAYER OF recipients of the temporary assistance for needy families as defined in section 46-101 who are residents of this state. The amount of the credit is equal to the sum of the following:
- 1. One-fourth of the taxable wages paid to an EACH employee in a qualified employment position POSITIONS, not to exceed five hundred dollars PER QUALIFIED EMPLOYMENT POSITION, in the first year or partial year of employment. Wages that were subsidized as provided by section 46-299 shall not be included.
- 2. One-third of the taxable wages paid to an EACH employee in a qualified employment position POSITIONS, not to exceed one thousand dollars per qualified employment position, in the second year of continuous employment. Wages that were subsidized as provided by section 46-299 shall not be included.
- 3. One-half of the taxable wages paid to an EACH employee in a qualified employment position POSITIONS, not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars per qualified employment position, in the third year of continuous employment. Wages that were subsidized as provided by section 46-299 shall not be included.
- B. The credit allowed in this section is in lieu of any wage expense deduction taken for state tax purposes.
 - C. To qualify for a credit under this section:
- 1. All of the employees with respect to whom a credit is claimed must reside in this state and must be recipients of temporary assistance for needy families as defined in section 46-101 at the time the employee is hired.
- 2. A qualified employment position must meet all of the following requirements:
 - (a) The position must be classified as full-time employment.
- (b) The employment must include health insurance coverage for the employee if the employer offers this coverage for employees who are not recipients of temporary assistance for needy families.
- (c) The employer must pay compensation at least equal to the minimum wave or a wage comparable to that paid to employees who are not receiving temporary aid ASSISTANCE for needy families based on the employee's training, skills and job classification.

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- (d) The employee must have been employed for at least ninety days during the first taxable year. An employee who is hired during the last ninety days of the taxable year shall be considered a new employee during the next taxable year. Periods for which the employee's wages were subsidized as provided by section 46-299 shall not be included as periods of employment.
- (e) The employee was not employed by the taxpayer within twelve months before the current date of hire.
- (f) The employee shall POSITION IS not be eligible for any other employment credit pursuant to this title based on wages paid.
- D. The net increase in the number of qualified employment positions shall be determined by comparing the average number of qualified employment positions during the taxable year with the immediately preceding taxable year based on the taxpayer's report to the department of economic security for unemployment purposes.
- E. If the allowable tax credit exceeds the income taxes otherwise due on the claimant's income, the amount of the claim not used as an offset against income taxes may be carried forward as a tax credit against subsequent years' income tax liability for the period, not to exceed five consecutive taxable years.
- F. Co-owners of a business, including corporate partners in a partnership, may claim only the pro rata share of the credit allowed under this section based on the ownership interest. The total of the credits allowed all of the owners of the business may not exceed the amount that would have been allowed for a sole owner of the business.
- G. The department may adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section.
 - Sec. 41. Section 44-315, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 44-315. Confidentiality; violation; classification; definitions
- A. The department may disclose confidential information relating to an item of property to the claimant, a successor in interest to the claimant or a designee of the claimant who is authorized in writing by the claimant.
 - B. The department also may disclose confidential information to:
- 1. Any employee of the department whose official duties involve TAX OR unclaimed property ADMINISTRATION.
- 2. The office of the attorney general for its use in providing counsel relating to unclaimed property administration or in preparation for any proceeding involving unclaimed property before the department or any other agency or board of this state or before any grand jury or any state or federal court.
- 3. Pursuant to a written agreement between the department and another state OR AN ORGANIZATION OF STATES THAT OPERATES AN INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION PURPOSES, a state unclaimed property official from the other state if the other state OR ORGANIZATION grants substantially similar privileges to the department for the same type of information.

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- 4. The auditor general, in connection with any audit of the department SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS IN SECTION 42-2002, SUBSECTION C.
- 5. Any person to the extent necessary for effective unclaimed property administration in connection with the processing, storage, transmission and reproduction of the information and the programming, maintenance, repair, testing and procurement of equipment for purposes of unclaimed property administration.
- C. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 42-2002, SUBSECTION C, the department may disclose confidential information in any state or federal judicial or administrative proceeding relating to unclaimed property administration if:
 - 1. The claimant is a party to the proceeding.
- 2. The treatment of an item reflected in the information is directly related to the resolution of an issue in the proceeding.
- 3. The information directly relates to a transactional relationship between a person who is a party to the proceeding and the claimant and the information directly affects the resolution of an issue in the proceeding.
- D. The department may disclose identity information for purposes of notifying persons who appear to be entitled to unclaimed property in the manner described in section 44-309.
- E. The department may disclose statistical information gathered from confidential information if it does not disclose confidential information attributable to a claimant.
- F. A court may order the department to disclose confidential information pertaining to a party to an action. An order shall be made only on a showing of good cause and that the party who seeks the information has demanded the information from the claimant.
- G. If the department is required or permitted to disclose confidential information, it may charge the person or agency that requests the information for the reasonable cost of the department's services.
- H. A disclosure of confidential information in violation of this section is a class 1 misdemeanor. A knowing disclosure of confidential information IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION is a class 6 felony.
 - I. For the purposes of this section:
- 1. "Claimant" means a person or entity that claims to have a property interest in the item of property that is presumed abandoned PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.
- 2. "Confidential information" includes reports filed by holders of property presumed abandoned under this chapter, a claimant's application and documents submitted to support a claim and information discovered by the department concerning claims and claimants.

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Sec. 42. Title 44, chapter 3, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 44-339, to read:

Signatures for documents; alternative methods; 44-339. definition

THE DEPARTMENT MAY PRESCRIBE BY ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR SIGNING, SUBSCRIBING OR VERIFYING ANY REPORT OR CLAIM REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE THAT HAVE THE SAME VALIDITY AND CONSEQUENCE AS THE ACTUAL SIGNATURE OR WRITTEN DECLARATION OF THE TAXPAYER OR OTHER PERSON REQUIRED TO SIGN, SUBSCRIBE OR WHILE THE DEPARTMENT IS ADOPTING A RULE VERIFY THE REPORT OR CLAIM. PRESCRIBING ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR SIGNING, SUBSCRIBING OR VERIFYING ANY REPORT OR CLAIM REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, THE DIRECTOR, BY TAX RULING, MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT OF A SIGNATURE FOR A PARTICULAR TYPE OR CLASS OF ANY REPORT OR CLAIM REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TAX RULING" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 42-2052.

Sec. 43. Laws 2001, chapter 314, section 4 is amended to read:

Retroactivity; limitation on refunds; nonseverability

A. Section 42-5061, subsection A, paragraph 54, section 42-5073, subsection A, paragraph 9 and section 42-5159, subsection A, paragraph 48, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act LAWS 2001, CHAPTER 314, apply retroactively to taxable periods beginning from and after December 31, 1982.

- Any claim for refund of transaction privilege or use tax based on the retroactive application of section 42-5061, subsection A, paragraph 54, section 42-5073, subsection A, paragraph 9 and section 42-5159, subsection A, paragraph 48, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act LAWS 2001, CHAPTER 314, shall be submitted to the department of revenue on or before December 31, 2001, pursuant to section 42–1118, Arizona Revised Statutes. A failure to file a claim on or before December 31, 2001, constitutes a waiver of the claim for refund under this section.
- The burden is on the taxpayer to establish by competent evidence the amount of tax paid for all taxable periods, if any, attributable to the sale or purchase of tangible personal property TRANSACTIONS that qualifies QUALIFY for the deduction under section 42-5061, subsection A, paragraph 54, section 42-5073, subsection A, paragraph 9 and section 42-5159, subsection A, paragraph 48, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act LAWS 2001, CHAPTER 314. The department of revenue shall:
 - Review all timely filed claims. 1.
 - Determine, on audit if necessary, the correct amount of each claim. 2.
- Notify the taxpayer of its determination. The notice is final 43 ...unless a taxpayer appeals in the manner provided in section 42-1119, Arizona Révised Statutes.

- D. Notwithstanding section 42-1119, Arizona Revised Statutes, the department of revenue shall not make a refund until after a final determination has been made as to the amount of all refund claims filed pursuant to this section. If a taxpayer appeals the department's determination, the department, in compliance with the rules protecting confidentiality under sections 42-2001 through 42-2004, Arizona Revised Statutes, may notify other taxpayers who have filed claims as to the nature of any delay, and if possible, to estimate the probable extent of the delay.
- E. The aggregate amount of tax refund under this section shall not exceed ten thousand dollars. If the aggregate amount of claims under this section that are ultimately determined to be correct exceeds ten thousand dollars, the department shall reduce each claim proportionately so that the total refund amount equals ten thousand dollars.
- F. Interest shall not be computed or allowed on any refundable amount if paid before July 1, 2002, but if the amount cannot be determined or paid until after June 30, 2002, interest accrues thereafter under section 42-1123, Arizona Revised Statutes.
- G. If any part of this section is finally adjudicated to be invalid, this entire section is void. The provisions of this section are intended to be nonseverable.

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